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WASHINGTON, Wednesday, Jan. 10.

THE PRESIDENT'S POLICY.

The chief feature of the morning was the consideration by Mr. DAVIS, of New-York, of a series of well and cautiously-drawn series of resolutions indorsing the President's policy. Mr. WASHBURNE, in his customary spirit, immediately referred the resolutions to the Joint Committee on Reconstruction, but the Speaker, not having surrendered his prerogative as presiding officer, begged to differ with Mr. WASHBURNE, as they gave rise to debate. The resolutions went over under the rule. They can be referred to the Joint Committee by a vote of the House.

NEGRO SUFFRAGE IN THE DISTRICT.

The District of Columbia Negro Suffrage bill was the special order in the House to-day, and became the subject of a very vigorous discussion, no less than four speeches being made on the subject. Mr. WILSON, the Chairman of the Judiciary Committee, who reported, made a very able and logical argument in its favor. He was followed by Mr. BOYER, Democrat, of Pennsylvania, who seized the opportunity to make his *début* in the House, and who adverted to the well-known Democratic theory that this is exclusively a white man's government. Mr. SCHOFIELD, of Pennsylvania, Republican, then took the floor, and effectually disposed of the foolish objections of a social equality character which are urged against equal suffrage. But it remained for Judge KELLY, of Pennsylvania, (for that State seemed to have the floor on the subject,) to make the sensation speech of the day, which he did in his well known scathing style of sarcasm and eloquence, literally crushing his Democratic colleague, Mr. BOYER, to whom he chiefly replied. The bill is the special order from day to day until disposed of, and will prove an excellent safety-valve for the escape of a great deal of rhetorical steam.

THE IMPRISONMENT OF DAVIS.

The President to-day transmitted to the Senate a message in reply to a resolution calling upon him to inform that body upon what charges JEFFERSON DAVIS is confined, and why he is not brought to trial. The President incloses reports from the Secretary of War and the Attorney-General, and at the same time invites the attention of the Senate to that portion of his annual message which refers to Congress the question connected with the holding of circuit courts of the United States within the districts where their authority has been interrupted.

WAR DEPARTMENT, Jan. 4, 1866.

SIR: In reply to the annexed Senate resolution passed Dec. 21, 1865, referred to me by you for report, have the honor to state: First—That JEFFERSON DAVIS was captured by United States troops in the State of Georgia, on or about the 10th day of May, and by order of this department has been and now is confined in Fortress Monroe, to abide such action as may be taken by the proper authorities of the United States Government. Second—That he has not been arraigned upon any indictment or formal charge of crime, but has been indicted for the crime of high treason by the Grand Jury of the District of Columbia, which indictment is now pending in the Supreme Court of said District; he is also charged with the crime of inciting the assassination of ABRAHAM LINCOLN, and with the murder of Union prisoners of war by starvation, and other barbarous and cruel treatment toward them. Third—The President deeming it expedient that JEFFERSON DAVIS should first be put upon his trial before a competent court and jury for the crime of treason, he was advised by the law officers of the government that the most proper place for such trial was in the State of Virginia. That State is within the judicial circuit assigned to the Chief-Justice of the Supreme Court, who has held no court there since the apprehension of DAVIS, and who declines for an indefinite period to hold any court there. The matters above stated are, so far as I am informed, the reasons for holding JEFFERSON DAVIS in confinement, and why he has not been brought to trial. Fourth—Beside JEFFERSON DAVIS, the following persons, who acted as officers of the rebel government are imprisoned, to wit: CLEMENT C. CLAY, at Fortress Monroe, charged, among other things, with treason, with conspiracy in the murder of Mr. LINCOLN, and with organizing bands of pirates, robbers and murderers in Canada, to burn the cities and ravage the commerce and coasts of the loyal States on the British frontier; D. L. YULEE, at Fort Pulaski, charged with treason while holding a seat in the Senate of the United States, and with plotting to capture the forts and arsenals of the United States, and with inciting war against the government; S. R. MALLORY, at Fort Lafayette, charged with treason and with organizing and setting on foot piratical expeditions against the United States commerce and marine on the high seas. Other officers of the so-called Confederate Government, arrested and imprisoned, have been released on parole, to abide the action of the government in reference to their prosecution and trial for alleged offences, on their applications for amnesty and pardon. Among these are G. A. TRENHOLM, Secretary of the Treasury; JOHN A. CAMPBELL, Assistant Secretary of War; JAMES A. SEDDON, Secretary of War; JOHN H. REAGAN, Postmaster-General; R. M. T. HUNTER, Senator; ALEXANDER H. STEPHENS, Vice-President, and sundry other persons of less note.

EDWIN M. STANTON,
Secretary of War.

To the President.

ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE, Jan. 4, 1866.

To the President:

SIR: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt from you of a copy of the resolution of the Senate of the United States, of date the 21st of December, 1865. In that resolution the Senate respectfully request to be informed upon what charges and for what reasons JEFFERSON DAVIS is still held in confinement, and why he has not been put upon his trial. When the war was at its crisis JEFFERSON DAVIS, the Commander-in-Chief of the army of the insurgents, was the prime prisoner, with other prominent rebels, by the military forces of the United States. It was the duty of the military so to take them. They have been heretofore and are yet held as prisoners of war. Though active hostilities have ceased, a state of war still exists over the territory in rebellion. Until peace shall come in fact and in law, they can rightfully be held as prisoners of war. I have ever thought that trials for high treason cannot be had before a military tribunal. The civil courts have alone jurisdiction of that crime. The question then arises when and where must the trials thereof be held. In that clause of the constitution mentioned in the resolution of the Senate, it is plainly written that they must be held in the State and district, "wherein the crime shall have been committed." I know that many persons of learning and ability entertain the opinion that the Commander-in-Chief of the rebel armies should be regarded as constitutionally present with all the insurgents who prosecuted hostilities and made raids upon the Northern and Southern borders of the loyal States. This doctrine of constructive presence carried out to its logical consequences would make all who had been connected with the rebel armies liable to trial in any State and district into which any portion of those armies had made the slightest incursion. Not being persuaded of the correctness of that opinion, but regarding the doctrine mentioned as of doubtful constitutionality, I have thought it not proper to advise you to cause criminal proceedings to be instituted against JEFFERSON DAVIS or any other insurgent in State or districts for which they were not actually present during the prosecution of hostilities. Some prominent rebels were personally present at the invasion of Maryland and Pennsylvania, but all, or nearly all of them, received military paroles upon the surrender of the rebel armies. While I think that those parties have no ultimate protection for prosecutions for high treason, I have thought that it would be a violation of the paroles to prosecute those persons for crimes before the political power of the government has proclaimed that the rebellion has been suppressed. It follows from what I have said that I am of the opinion that JEFFERSON DAVIS and other insurgents ought to be tried in some one of the States or districts in which they in person especially committed crimes with which they may be charged. Though active hostilities and flagrant war have not for some time existed between the United States and the insurgents, peaceful relations between the government and the people in the States and districts in rebellion have not yet been fully restored. None of the Justices of the Supreme Court have held Circuit Courts in those States and districts since actual hostilities ceased. When the courts are open and all laws can be peacefully administered and enforced in those States whose people rebelled against the government, when thus peace shall come in fact and in law, the persons now held in military custody as prisoners of war, and who may not have been tried and convicted for offences against the laws of war, should be transferred into the custody of the civil authorities of the proper districts to be tried for such high crimes and misdemeanors as may be alleged against them. I think that it is the plain duty of the President to cause criminal prosecutions to be instituted before the proper tribunals, and at all proper times, against some of those who were mainly instrumental in inaugurating and most conspicuous in conducting the late hostilities. I should regard it as a direful calamity, if many whom the sword has spared, the law should spare also; but I would deem it a more direful calamity still if the Executive, in performing his constitutional duty of bringing those persons before the bar of justice to answer for their crimes, should violate the plain meaning of the constitution, or infringe in the least particular the living spirit of that instrument.

I have the honor to be, most respectfully,
JAMES SPEED, Attorney-General.

REBEL EMIGRATION TO MEXICO.

Voluminous papers relative to the rebel emigration to Mexico and the scheme of GWIN and MAURY, were presented to the Senate to-day.

Señor ROMERO first calls the attention of Mr. SEWARD (July 9, 1864,) to the address of Gen. MAGRUDER, and Gov. VIDAURRI's reply, showing perfect understanding between the traitors in Mexico and the insurgents in the United States. He intimates that the French Minister to Mexico, M. MONTHOLON, was working to that end, and that armed emigration from the Atlantic States and from California was in immediate contemplation. Under date of Feb. 6, 1865, he further notifies the Secretary of his understanding that a settlement has been proposed by NAPLEON, by virtue of which the Mexican States of Tamaulipas, New-Leon and Coahuila, with parts of San Louis Potosi, Zacatecas, Durango and Chihuahua, and almost the whole of Sonora and the Peninsula of Lower California to be ceded to France, and that to make so considerable a cession of Mexican territory acceptable the Emperor would plant there a military colony which would shelter the remainder of the country from filibustering attacks from the United States. This arrangement, of which he cites evidence from Mexico, California and Paris, he protests against, reminding the Secretary of a fact slightly resembling the present, when the representatives of the French Government in Mexico protested against a treaty concluded between Mexico and the United States, of much less importance than the present, only because of the vague rumor, more or less founded, that it had been concluded, and before they had official notice of its execution.

Mr. SEWARD replies under date of Feb. 25, 1865, that the protest has been placed on file, as a testimony to the course of M. ROMERO, additional evidence of the zealous and patriotic discharge of his functions and for such other purposes and uses as future events may render it necessary to apply it.

On the 20th of April M. ROMERO communicated to Mr. SEWARD correspondence between the rebel Gen. SLAUGHTER and the Mexican Gen. MEJIA, relative to the capture of the Mexican steamer *Oritaba*, captured by the rebels under the plea that she was manned by citizens of the United States, as additional proof of the identity of political interest which exists between the insurgents of this country and the partisans of the French cause in Mexico.

In a communication dated July 4, M. ROMERO adduces further evidence of Mexican complicity with the rebels, and states that the commander of the post at Bagdad, a Belgian, informed Gen. SLAUGHTER that he had secret instructions to permit the introduction of all arms and munitions of war that might be desired, and that they should pass freely for the use of the Confederacy. He also asserts that there was in Monterey an agent of the Confederacy, accredited to the agents of the French, called the Imperial authorities, and that Gen. MEJIA, the French agent in Mexico, had promised Gen. SLAUGHTER he would do everything he could in his favor. He also shows that the trade which the Confederacy were carrying on with Mexico, and other countries through the ports of Mexico was carried on with the consent of the French agents in Mexico. To all these statements Mr. SEWARD promises to give the attention to which they are entitled.

July 8, M. ROMERO communicates statements and letters relating to the schemes of Mr. W. M. GWIN, for organizing a colony in Mexico under the protection of France, and showing that Gen. BAZAINE, in command of the French forces, had authority to lend him all needed assistance. GWIN writes, after the surrender of LEE, "The startling news from the United States has made the blood of every Southern man and sympathizer run cold with horror. No one will be safe in our native country. I thank Providence that my lot has been cast elsewhere, and that very soon I will have a home for my wife and children where they will be safe from oppression."

Among the intercepted letters is one from MASSY to Hon. B. WOOD, New-York, in which he says that SOULE is in the Gwin enterprise, and that the French Emperor will give him all the aid he desires, and that he will go out as Director-General, in charge of a very peculiar kind of colonization. He says further: "You ought to have sent me some money. It is hard to financier on nothing indefinitely, and I have concentrated my whole strength on our scheme."

Mr. SEWARD writes to Minister BIGELOW, July 13, inclosing these intercepted letters relative to Mexican colonization, and requests him to present them to DROUYN DE L'HUYS, and frankly inform him that the sympathies of the American people are already considerably excited in favor of the Republic of Mexico, and that they are disposed to regard with impatience the continued intervention of France in the country. That any favor shown to the proceedings of Mr. GWIN by the titular Emperor of Mexico or by the Imperial Government of France, with reference to those agents will tend greatly to increase the popular impatience, because it will be regarded, perhaps justly, as imparting dangers to, or at least as a menace against the United States. If these statements are to be believed, Mr. SEWARD assumes, with the sanction of the President, that the Emperor of France has deserted his position of neutrality.

The President to-day also sent to the Senate a message in compliance with a resolution respecting the occupancy by the French troops of the Republic of Mexico, and the reestablishment of a monarchy there, inclosing a report from the Secretary of State and the documents by which it was accompanied. The documents are very voluminous, commencing as far back as March 25, 1864, and ending with Dec. 4, 1865.

First is a letter from Mr. DAYTON to Mr. SEWARD, communicating the fact that the negotiations for a loan in behalf of MAXIMILIAN, as Emperor of Mexico, had been completed on falavorable terms, and that he would soon sail for Mexico.

Mr. SEWARD, under date of April 7, 1864, informs Mr. DAYTON of the condition of affairs in Mexico, as fully as it was understood in Washington, by enclosing him a copy of a communication from our Consul at Matamoras.

Mr. SEWARD, in a letter to Mr. BIGELOW, Sept. 6, 1865, in reply to a letter from the latter, discussing at large the present aspect of the relations between the United States and France as they are affected by the situation in Mexico, says: "The intense popular interest which was awakened by the prevalence of a civil war of vast proportion during a few years past, has tended in some degree to moderate the solicitude which the situation of foreign affairs was calculated to create. But that interest is now rapidly subsiding, and it may be reasonably anticipated that henceforth the Congress of the United States, and the people in their primary assemblies will give a very large share of attention to questions of an extraneous character and chief among these is likely to be that of our relations towards France with regard to Mexico, nor does it seem unwise to take into consideration the fact that the presence of the military forces of the two nations sometimes confronting each other across the border has a tendency which both of them may well regret to produce irritation and annoyance. The French Government has not shown itself inattentive to this inconvenience hitherto, while this government has been desirous to practice equal prudence. But a time seems to have come when both nations may well consider whether the paramount interests of international peace and friendship do not require the exercise of a thoughtful and serious attention to the political questions to which I have thus adverted.

Mr. SEWARD, in a letter to Minister BIGELOW, dated Dec. 14, 1865, says: "I have to acknowledge the receipt of your dispatch of Nov. 24. While it is very interesting it seems to discourage an expectation on our part of the early withdrawal of the French force from Mexico. It is to be remembered, however, that the opinions on that subject which you have received from Mr. DROUYN DE L'HUYS, were expressed by him not only without the positive sanction of the Emperor, but also in the absence of knowledge on the part of the French Government of the definite conclusion of the President on the subject discussed. It is desirable to leave no part of those conclusions open to misapprehension, and it is equally desirable that we shall be authorized to infer that such expositions of the imperial views as are given us in the name of the French Government are made with the Emperor's approval. I trust that both these ends will have been accomplished before you receive this dispatch."

The dispatches include letters from the French Legation with reference to Mexican refugees in New-York and Washington preparing a movement in favor of JUAREZ, the first one as far back as July, 1865.

The acting Secretary of State, W. HUNTER, in a communication to the President, transmitted to the House, in answer to the resolution inquiring concerning the kidnapping of the child of an American lady in the City of Mexico by the usurper of that republic, so called Emperor, says that no official information has been received at this department in regard to the kidnapping referred to, and no other information upon that subject which it is deemed advisable to make public at this time.

RECENT MILITARY TRIALS IN THE SOUTH.

Among the papers presented to the Senate to-day from the Bureau of Military Justice relative to recent trials in the South by military commission are those detailing the proceedings in the case of EDWARD W. ANDREWS, of Orangeburgh, South Carolina, now serving out a sentence of two years' imprisonment for killing a negro charged with stealing his horse. Judge HOLT, to whom a petition of two hundred citizens of South Carolina for his pardon, indorsed by the Governor, was referred, saying that their very numbers furnished additional grounds for the enforcement of this inadequate sentence. It shows to be so deeply seated and so widely spread the feeling of deadly hatred to the black race among those who so lately held that race in abject bondage, and the will to see them crushed without a protest or remonstrance, so strong and ready, that the government is imperatively called on to carry out with the utmost resolution and sternness of purpose, undeterred by pretended signs of penitence, every measure having for its object the protection of this helpless people, which the overthrow of a treasonable war against human freedom throughout the world has placed under its almost exclusive guardianship.

In the case of C. C. RIZE and JOHN M. BROWN, of Georgia, imprisoned for the murder of a freed woman, the Judge-Advocate-General opposes a similar appeal for Executive clemency.

The documents also include records in the case of J. S. MCMULLEN and NEIL MCGILL, tried before a Military Commission at Wilmington, on the charge of murder, violation of the laws of war, &c., &c., and sentenced to be hanged. The members of the Commission, however, with one exception, united in recommending them to clemency, which paper was forwarded by Gen. RUGER, commanding the Military Department of North Carolina, whose approval accompanied the document. The members of the Senate and House of Commons of North Carolina, with many influential citizens, petition for Executive clemency in their behalf, many of the petitioners being ladies. The Judge-Advocate-General, after careful study of the records, does not see that any new views are presented, and does not advise Executive clemency in the premises.

REPUBLICAN CAUCUS.

The Republicans of the House of Representatives held a caucus at the Capitol to-night, with Hon. JUSTIN MORRILL, of Vermont, in the Chair, and IGNATIUS DONNELLY as Secretary. The meeting was held with reference to the question of suffrage in the District of Columbia, and continued for nearly four hours. The bill now pending before the House was discussed at length, and various motions and suggestions were made concerning it. Although no definite understanding was arrived at, it was evident that the majority were opposed to the bill as reported from the Committee on the Judiciary, which simply proposes to strike from all laws in force in the District of Columbia the word "white." Several gentlemen were in favor of passing a bill for a new form of government for the District, Congress to possess direct control of affairs. But the general sentiment was that the qualifications for suffrage should bear equally on both white and black, including the capacity to read and write. The pending bill, it is probable, will be amended in accordance with the above view.

SPEAKER COLFAX'S RECEPTIONS.

Speaker COLFAX's receptions will commence at his residence, No. 8 Four-and-a-Half-street, on Thursday, Jan. 18, and will be continued every Thursday evening, from 8½ till 11 P. M. Speaker COLFAX's mother-in-law and her daughter, and Mr. and Miss MATHWES will also hold weekly receptions every Wednesday afternoon, commencing on the 17th inst.

COLORED TROOPS IN TEXAS.

By the following order of the Secretary of War it will be seen that the colored troops in Texas, under the command of Gen. GODFREY WEITZEL, are disbanded as a separate organization.

WAR DEPARTMENT, ADJUTANT-GENERAL'S OFFICE,
WASHINGTON, Jan. 8, 1866.

GENERAL ORDERS No. 2.—By direction of the President, the Twenty-fifth Army Corps is hereby discontinued as an organization.

By order of the Secretary of War.
E. D. TOWNSEND, A. A. G.

The general order published in this morning's TIMES, mustering out certain officers, has produced consternation among the decapitated Generals hereabout. All are surprised. No one included in the list expected that he would be thus disposed of; and many whose names do not appear, expected to find themselves in the list of the beheaded. Another order of the like kind could, it is believed, be issued without detriment to the interest of the country.

FRONTIER TREASURY AGENTS.

The Convention of Collectors and Treasury Agents of the Frontier, that has been in session here in the office of the Commissioners of Customs, has not concluded its labors. The result of its deliberation will be laid before Congress in a day or two, in the form of a memorial accompanied by bills for enactment into laws intended to effectually close smuggling on the Canadian frontier.

PROMOTION.

Hon. NOAH SMITH, from Maine, for the last four years a clerk in the office of the United States Senate, was to-day promoted to the position of principal legislative clerk, in the place of Major WILLIAM J. MCDONALD, who yesterday received the merited promotion, by resolution of the Senate, of Chief Clerk in place of Gen. HICKEY, deceased.

SPEAKER COLFAX'S RECEPTIONS.

Speaker COLFAX's receptions will commence, at his residence, on Thursday evening, Jan. 18, and will be continued every Thursday evening thereafter. The reception of Speaker COLFAX's mother and sister, Mrs. and Miss MATHEWS, for ladies and gentlemen accompanying them, will commence next Wednesday afternoon.

THE NAVY APPROPRIATION.

The Navy Appropriation Bill reported to-day in the House, contains an appropriation for the Boston Navy-yard of $579,881, of which $135,000 is for the purchase of OAKUM & ELDRIDGE's wharf; for the New-York Navy-yard, $1,489,590, of which $100,000 is for raising low places; for the Philadelphia Navy-yard, $183,508; Portsmouth Navy-yard, $299,989, of which $100,000 is for the purchase of George's Island, provided a clear title can be obtained.

THE IMPORT DUTIES.

A resolution passed the House to-day, submitted by Mr. WINFIELD, of New-York, requesting the Committee of Ways and Means to inquire into the expediency of lessening the import duties on cotton fabrics, and that they report by bill or otherwise.

CONFIRMATIONS.

The Senate to-day confirmed the following appointments: SOLOMON L. SPINK to be Secretary of the Territory of Dakota, *vice* JOHN HUTCHINSON, resigned; HENRY HAMMOND, of West Killingby, Conn., to be Collector of the Third District of Connecticut.

THE ORATION ON THE LATE PRESIDENT LINCOLN.

Senator FOOT has received a dispatch from Hon. GEORGE BANCROFT, signifying his acceptance of the invitation of the Joint Committee to deliver the address upon the life and character of President LINCOLN before the two Houses of Congress, in the National Hall of Representatives, on Monday, the 12th day of February proximo. That time was appropriately selected for these ceremonies, it being Mr. LINCOLN's anniversary birthday.

EULOGY ON THE LATE HENRY WINTER DAVIS.

Hon. JOHN A. J. CRESWELL, Senator from Maryland, has been selected by the committee to deliver the eulogy upon the late Hon. HENRY WINTER DAVIS before the members of the House of Representatives.

PASSPORTS TO AUSTRIA.

Official information has been received at the Department of State that the examination of passports on the frontiers of the Austrian Empire has been abandoned, and that travelers can now enter, leave and move about in the Austrian dominions without being called upon for their passports.

THE EREASURY AGENTS IN THE SOUTH.

Assistant Secretary of the Treasury CHANDLER has reached Charleston, S. C., for the purpose of examining the transactions of the Treasury agents.

THIRTY-NINTH CONGRESS.

FIRST SESSION.

SENATE....Wednesday, Jan. 10.

COLORED SUFFRAGE.

Mr. WILSON, of Massachusetts, (Union,) offered a petition of the colored citizens of Savannah, asking for the right of suffrage. It was referred to the Special Committee on Reconstruction.

GEN. GRANT'S REPORT.

Mr. ANTHONY, of Rhode Island, (Union,) from the Printing Committee, reported back the resolution for the printing of 10,000 copies of Gen. GRANT's report amended so as to read 5,000, instead of 10,000.

Mr. SUMNER, of Massachusetts, (Union,) inquired what report that was.

Mr. ANTHONY said it was the military report introduced early in the session.

The resolution as amended was passed.

THE PROTECTIVE TARIFF.

Mr. TRUMBULL, of Illinois, (Union,) introduced the memorial of the American Free-Trade League praying for the removal of the protective tariff. It was referred to the Finance Committee.

ASSISTANT ASSESSORS OF INTERNAL REVENUE.

Mr. FESSENDEN, of Maine, (Union,) from the Finance Committee, reported the House bill authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to appoint Assistant Assessors of Internal Revenue.

Mr. FESSENDEN explained that at present Assistant Assessors were appointed by the Assessors, and the bill proposed to change this and give the appointing power to the Secretary of the Treasury.

Mr. SUMNER said he would vote for the bill, but with the understanding that the Secretary of the Treasury, in making the appointments, would obey the laws of Congress in requiring the oath to be taken by all the appointees, and would not on his own authority relieve certain persons from taking the oath. We all know, said Mr. SUMNER, that the Secretary of the Treasury has undertaken to do that. I object to the exercise of any such power on the part of that functionary, and I insist that any appointments made by him under this act shall be made also with reference to all the existing laws of Congress; that whoever enters upon the duties under this act shall take the oath required by Congress.

At the request of Mr. FESSENDEN, the bill was laid over for the present.

THE PARIS EXHIBITION.

Mr. SUMNER called up the House joint resolution accepting the invitation of the Paris Industrial Exhibition, which, on motion of Mr. CLARK, was laid over until to-morrow.

THE ARMY IN TIME OF PEACE.

Mr. WILSON introduced a bill to increase and fix the military peace establishment of the United States; which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs. It provides that the military peace establishment of the United States shall hereafter consist of seven regiments of artillery, ten regiments of cavalry, sixty regiments of infantry, and such other forces as shall be provided for by this act. Section 2 provides that in addition to the ten regiments of artillery now organized, there shall be added one regiment, to be composed of white persons, and one regiment to be composed of colored persons—the officers of which shall be selected from among the volunteer officers of artillery who have served not less than two years during the war, and who have been distinguished for capacity and good conduct in the field; and all the regiments of artillery shall have the same organization as is now provided by law for the Fifth Regiment of Artillery.

Section 3 provides that in addition to the six regiments of cavalry now in the service, there shall be two regiments to be composed of white persons, and two regiments to be composed of colored persons, to be officered by selection from the volunteer officers of cavalry who have served not less than two years during the war, and who have been distinguished for capacity and good conduct in the field, and these additional regiments shall have the same organization as is now provided by law for the cavalry regiments now in the service.

Section 4 provides that there shall be sixty regiments of infantry, to consist of the ten regiments of ten companies each, now organized; the nine regiments of twenty-four companies each consolidated so as to create, with the addition of four companies, twenty-two regiments of ten companies each; eight regiments, of ten companies each, to be composed of men who have been discharged from service on account of wounds received or diseases contracted in the line of duty, the officers of which shall be selected from the Veteran Reserve Corps or other officers from the volunteer service who have been disabled in the service; ten regiments, the officers of which shall be selected from among the officers of the volunteer service who have served two years during the war, and who have been distinguished for capacity and good conduct in the field; and ten regiments to be composed of colored men, to be officered by officers who have served two years with colored troops, and have been distinguished for good conduct in the field; and the additional field officers to be appointed to the twenty-two regiments formed by consolidation, shall be selected from among the officers of the regular army most distinguished for capacity and good conduct in the field. Such selections to be made without regard to seniority or arm of the service.

Section 5 provides that each regiment of infantry provided for by this act shall have one Colonel, one Lieutenant-Colonel, two Majors, one Adjutant, who shall be an extra Lieutenant; one Quartermaster, who shall be an extra Lieutenant; ten Captains, ten First and ten Second Lieutenants, one Sergeant-Major, one Quartermaster's sergeant, one Commissary-sergeant, and ten companies; and each company shall have one Captain, one First and one Second Lieutenant, one first sergeant, four sergeants, eight corporals, two musicians, one wagoner, and forty-eight privates; and the number of privates may be increased to eighty-two, at the discretion of the President, whenever the exigencies of the service require such increase.

Section 6 provides that each regiment in the service of the United States may have a band as now provided by law.

Section 7 provides that all enlistments in the cavalry and artillery regiments and the ordnance and engineer corps shall hereafter be for the term of five years, and in the infantry for three years, and no officers shall be appointed to any regiment or company until the minimum number of men shall have been enlisted and the command duly organized.

Section 8 provides that there shall be one Lieutenant-General, five Major-Generals and ten Brigadier-Generals, who shall have the same pay and emoluments and be entitled to the same staff officers in number and grade as are allowed by law.

Section 9 provides that the Adjutant-General's Department of the Army shall consist of the officers now authorized by law, viz.: One Adjutant-General, with the rank, pay, and emoluments of a Brigadier-General; two Assistant Adjutant-Generals, with the rank, pay, and emoluments of Colonels of cavalry; eight Deputy Quartermaster-Generals, with the rank, pay and emoluments of Lieutenant-Colonels of cavalry; sixteen Quartermasters, with the rank, pay and emoluments of Majors of cavalry; and forty-eight Assistant Quartermasters, with the rank, pay and emoluments of Captains of cavalry; and the vacancies hereby created shall be filled by selection from among the Assistant Quartermasters of volunteers who have rendered meritorious service during two years of the war.

Section 12 provides that the number of military storekeepers shall hereafter be sixteen, with the same compensation as is now provided by law.

Section 13 provides that the Subsistence Department shall consist of one Commissary-General of Subsistence, with the rank, pay and emoluments of a Brigadier-General; two assistant Commissary Generals, with the rank, pay and emoluments of Colonel of cavalry; two Deputy Commissary Generals, with the rank, pay and emoluments of Lieutenant-Colonel of cavalry; eight Commissaries of Subsistence, with the rank, pay and emoluments of Majors of cavalry, and sixteen Assistant Commissaries of Subsistence, with the rank, pay and emoluments of Captains of cavalry.

Section 14 provides that the Medical Department of the army shall hereafter consist of one Surgeon-General, with rank, pay and emoluments of a Brigadier-General; one Assistant Surgeon-General, with the rank, pay and emoluments of a Colonel of cavalry; five Medical Inspectors, with rank, pay and emoluments of Lieutenant-Colonels of cavalry; sixty-five Surgeons, with rank, pay and emoluments of Majors of cavalry; one hundred and forty Assistant Surgeons, with the rank, pay and emoluments of Captains of cavalry, after three years' service, and with the rank, pay and emoluments of First Lieutenants of Cavalry; and five Medical Storekeepers, with the same compensation as is now provided by law; and the vacancies hereby created in the grade of Surgeon and Assistant Surgeon shall be filled by selection from among the staff and regimental Surgeons and Assistant Surgeons of Volunteers who have served two years during the war; and Assistant Surgeons who have served three years in the volunteer service shall be eligible for promotion to the grade of Captain.

Section 15 provides that the pay department of the army shall hereafter consist of one Paymaster-General, with the rank, pay and emoluments of a Brigadier-General; two Assistant Paymaster-Generals, with the rank, pay, &c., of Colonels of Cavalry; to Deputy Paymaster-Generals, with the rank, pay, &c., of Lieutenants-Colonels of cavalry; and fifty Paymasters, with the rank, pay, &c., of Majors of cavalry; and the vacancies created in the grade of Major shall be filled by selection from the additional Paymasters.

Section 16 provides that the Corps of Engineers shall consist of one Chief Engineer, with the rank, pay and emoluments of a Brigadier-General; four Colonels, ten Lieutenant-Colonels, twenty Majors, thirty Captains and twenty-one First-Lieutenants, who shall have the pay and emoluments now provided by law for officers of the Engineer Corps.

Section 17 provides that there shall be appointed in the Corps of Engineers by election from among its present officers, four Inspectors of Fortifications and other engineer operations, who shall have the rank, pay and emoluments of Colonels of Engineers, but the number of officers of said corps as heretofore established by law shall not be increased thereby.

Section 18 provides that the five companies of engineer soldiers, and the sergeant-major and Quartermasters heretofore prescribed by law shall constitute a battalion of engineers, to be officered by officers of suitable rank, detailed from the Corps of Engineers, and the officers of engineers acting respectively as Adjutant and Quartermasters of this battalion shall be entitled to the pay and emoluments of Adjutants and Quartermasters of cavalry.

Sec. 19. That in the organization of each of the companies there shall be made a reduction of twenty enlisted men, to be appointed equally among the two classes of privates; but in time of war the President may at his discretion restore the present organization of these companies.

Sec. 20. That section twelve of the act approved March 3, 1863, entitled "An Act to promote the efficiency of the Corps of Engineers, and of the Ordnance Department, and for other purposes" be and the same is hereby repealed.

Sec. 21. That the Ordnance Department of the army shall consist of the same number of officers and enlisted men as is now authorized by law, and the officers shall be of the following grades, viz.: One Brigadier-General, three Colonels, five Lieutenant-Colonels, eight Majors, twenty Captains, fifteen First Lieutenants, nine Second Lieutenants, and thirteen military storekeepers, all of whom shall have the same pay and emoluments as now provided by law.

Sec. 22. That the Signal Corps of the army shall hereafter consist of one Colonel, one Lieutenant-Colonel, two Majors and as many Captains as the exigencies of the service may require, not exceeding one to each military division, who shall receive the pay and emoluments of cavalry organizations of similar grades.

Sec. 23. That no person shall be appointed to any vacancy created by this act in the pay, medical or quartermaster's departments until he shall have passed the examination now required by law, and the Secretary of War is hereby directed to appoint Boards of Examination to examine into the military history and qualifications of applicants for such vacancies.

Sec. 24. That all laws and parts of laws inconsistent with the provisions of this act be and the same are hereby repealed.

THE ELECTIVE FRANCHISE.

Mr. MORRILL, of Maine, (Union,) asked to take up the Senate bill number one, to regulate the elective franchise in the District of Columbia. The bill was read. It provides that each and every male person of the age of 21 years and upward who has not been convicted of an infamous crime or offence, and who is a citizen of the United States and who shall have resided in the District for the period of six months shall be entitled to the elective franchise.

Section 2 provides that if any person or persons shall willfully interrupt or disturb any such elector in the exercise of such franchise, he or they shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and on conviction thereof shall be fined in any sum not to exceed $1,000, or be imprisoned in the cell or dungeon of the jail of the District of Columbia, and fed on bread and water only for a period not to exceed thirty days, or both, at the discretion of the court.

Mr. RICHARDSON, of Delaware, (Dem.,) asked, as a member of the Committee for the District of Columbia, that the bill be made the special order for Tuesday next.

Mr. MORRILL suggested that the amendments of the committee be acted upon to-day, and Mr. RIDDLE withdrew his motion.

The first amendment was taken up. It is as follows: Insert after the word "person," in the first section, the words "excepting paupers and persons under guardianship." This was adopted. The second amendment was then taken up. It is as follows: Insert after "citizens of the United States," in the first section, and "who shall be able to read the Constitution of the United States in the English language and write his name."

Mr. POMEROY, of Kansas, (Union,) objected to this amendment. He was opposed to educational qualifications, and especially to one requiring the voter to read in the English language. The amendment was laid over.

The following was inserted as the third section: "That any person whose duty it shall be to receive votes at any election within the District of Columbia, who shall willfully reject the vote of any person entitled to such right under this act shall be liable to an action of *tort* by the person injured, and shall be liable to indictment and conviction, if such action was done knowingly, to a fine not exceeding five thousand dollars or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding one year in the jail of said District, or to both.

The amendment striking out the words "cell or dungeon of" before the words "the jail of the District," was adopted.

An amendment striking out the works "and fed on bread and water only" in the same section, was also adopted.

The bill was then recommuted to the Committee on the District of Columbia on motion of Mr. YATES.

THE SOUTHERN STATES.

Mr. HOWE, of Wisconsin, (Union,) offered a joint resolution declaring that

Whereas, The people of the eleven insurrectionary States have declared their independence of the United States, and have made war against the government, and abolished the political functions guaranteed to them; and

Whereas, Military tribunals are not suited to the wants of those people; therefore, provisional government should be instituted, suited to their wants and necessities.

Mr. JOHNSON, of Maryland, (Union,) suggested the propriety of referring the above to the Special Committee on Reconstruction.

Mr. HOWE asked if when St. Paul stood upon Mars Hill, and proclaimed that God made of one blood all the nations of the earth, was he playing the demagogue? When the Congress of 1776 assembled in Independence Hall, representing constituencies few in numbers and poor in resources, but strong in their own conviction of right, and announced to the world that all men are created free and equal, and that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights, among which are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, and that governments are instituted among men to secure these rights; when the members of that Congress pledged their lives, fortunes and sacred honors to maintain these assertions against the whole power of the British Empire, did you really suppose they were talking for buncombe? When the American people declare that the constitution and the laws made in pursuance thereof shall be the supreme law of the land, and any State shall be bound thereby, anything in the constitution of any State to the contrary notwithstanding, do they really mean it? I put these questions because, however generally we may assent to these propositions in our speeches, there are scarcely three things more practically denied. We cannot deny that the constitution is the supreme law, because the constitution itself says so. In my judgment it is because the people who adopted the constitution. We have been taking the tincture of the constitution for nearly a century, and I am sure it has done us great good. I believe now we ought to try the sublimate. I am confident it would cure the nation. Hitherto we have taken the constitution in a solution of the spirit of State rights. Let us now take it as it is, crystalized in the flames of the most gigantic war in history. The war was inaugurated to demonstrate that the will of each State was supreme, and that the United States must defer to it. Before the consititnon was adopted, such was the case; the several States were sovereign, and for that very reason the union made among them was worthless. Mr. HOWE next proceeded, after arguing against the doctrine of State Rights to demonstrate that in seceding the Southern States had destroyed their existence as States. He denied the doctrine of the indestructibility of State Governments. State Governments were things of human origin, and were made and unmade by men. He denied the right of the President to restore the rebel States. The President's duties were executive, nothing else. The President could not transfer an old musket from one man to another, nor fix the price of an acre of public land. Speaking of the effect of restoring the civil rights of the States lately in rebellion, Mr. HOWE said it would add fifty-eight members to the House and twenty-two to the Senate. The right of the President to control this question would give him the power, if disposed to work for his own reelection, to add to the vote of the Electoral College more than one-third of its present number. The responsibility devolves upon Congress to say whether the functions of the Southern States should be restored, and for one, he (Mr. HOWE) would say no. Congress had been asked to restore these functions. The election of members of Congress was taking it for granted that these functions had never been suspended, and not asking for their restoration. Mr. HOWE stated his reasons for immediate restoration. The people of the South were unwilling to do justice to the freedmen. They were not loyal and they would not abide by the result of the war. He would say to the President that he and those with whom he acted would stand by him if he would stand by the United States. In conclusion he advocated the appointment of Provisional Governors and Judges for the lately rebellious States, giving to Congress a veto upon all acts calculated to oppress any class. He would give them delegates to Congress also. This was the only feasible plan; for the Southern States were unfit for self-government, and anarchy would ruin them. This plan he believed to be the only one calculated to insure the safety and welfare of the government as well as of the Southern States.

Mr. HOWE moved to refer his resolution to the

OUR CANALS.

REPORT OF COMMISSIONER SKINNER.

Improvements for Maintaining Unobstructed Navigation—Construction of a Ship Canal.

We make the following extracts from the report of Canal Commissioner SKINNER, recently transmitted to the Legislature:

REMOVING BENCHES.

Much benefit has arisen to the canals by the removal of the small portion of the benches on the eastern division. The benches have been removed from the Erie Canal except upon the eastern division where the canal should be largest and afford the easiest possible passage for boats. At the eastern end of the Erie Canal, all the boats pass down the Erie from the lateral canals, to tide water, are gathered together and forced into the old narrow channel where the benches are not removed and the canal in one-fifth less in capacity than where they are removed. Much difficulty has been experienced in the navigation of crowds and in the passage of unobstructed navigation.

About fifty miles of benches still remain and should be removed at the earliest opportunity, and the Legislature should make an early appropriation for that purpose.

SUPPLY OF WATER.

Much discussion has been had during the past few years concerning the supply of water for the Erie Canal. Quite a number of sources have been suggested, and that which will be most available and certain is Fish Creek by the construction of the "Fish Creek feeder," which I have recommended in former reports.

Fish Creek Feeder would afford a constant and ample supply, and though the work would be expensive, the certainty of having the canal supplied upon the Erie Canal during the season of low water would fully warrant such an expenditure. The quantity of water provided from the old sources of supply is constantly diminishing as the country from which it is drawn is cleared from timber and opened to the drying influence of the sun, and the water which now finds Fish Creek must be brought in as a further supply, and there is no sufficient reason why it should not be done now as well as later.

Detentions have been frequent during almost every season for years past, and some remedy must be found, or the navigation of the canal abandoned, because of its inconvenience and uncertainty.

As a further source of supply, or rather as a means of saving the water already brought into the canal, I desire to recommend to the Legislature the construction of a weigh-lock at Frankfort, to partially supersede the lock at Utica. The last-named lock is too short and imperfect in its construction to weigh the boats and cargoes it is desirable to weigh upon it. It is frequently overtaxed, and is constantly failing in consequence; and all the water used by it is diverted and lost to the canal. The cost of making the old lock equal to the demand upon it would be equal to the cost of a new lock; when completed the objection to the use of a weigh-lock would exist. The construction of a weigh-lock at Frankfort would in no wise obstruct navigation, and the water used by it would be returned to the canal upon the level below without loss, and the Utica lock could be used by the smaller boats from the west passing down the lateral canals, and for those boats which should unload at Utica. The amount of water saved, according to a former report upon the subject, would be 1,375 cubic feet per minute, and such a saving would fully warrant the construction of the new lock.

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CONSTRUCTION OF A SHIP CANAL.

Questions have been asked, and partially discussed, during the past few years, as to the future capacity of our canals for furnishing all the necessary facilities for transporting the produce of the Western States to the markets of the Atlantic.

And, also, whether a still further enlargement of the Erie Canal, so as to give it the capacity and character of a ship canal, so that vessels and propellers could forward grain and produce in the same bottoms from Chicago and Milwaukee to the Atlantic, and thence to Europe, would not prove advantageous to the business and interests of the country; and, finally, if such an enlarged canal should be found impracticable for want of water or from the great cost, whether a ship canal should not be constructed so as to admit the transit of sea-going vessels from Lake Erie to Lake Ontario through this State.

From the annual Report of the Auditor of the Canal Department on the "tolls, trade and tonnage of canals," it is clearly demonstrated that the capacity of the canals is by no means adequate to the present quantity of tonnage of property, seeking transit, seems nearly at its greatest height. It is not meant by this that the prolific grain-producing West has reached its maximum, but that the quantity necessary to equalize the various markets of the world has been nearly attained. Great famines or vast consuming wars, in other countries would, of course, stimulate production in the West, and might, for a brief period, exhaust thereupon capacity of the canals, and throw large quantities of produce on to the railroads leading from the Atlantic cities to the inexhaustible grain fields of the West; but public works are not constructed to provide against the unlikely and distant contingencies of war and famine.

A ship canal occupying the place of the present canal should not in my opinion be undertaken without a thorough examination, without a thorough exploration of its route, and a careful and scientific exploration as to the supply of water. The present canal runs through the business centers of cities and numerous villages, which have mainly grown up since its first construction, and the damages of such an enlargement would be large unless new channels should be opened outside of the cities and villages.

It is impossible to foresee all the contingencies which may hereafter influence and finally determine the course of trade between the Atlantic and the West. Should Canada at some future but not distant time become incorporated into the United States, the St. Lawrence River would in that case be open to a free and unrestricted intercourse between Quebec and the West; and whether in that case a ship canal through New-York would offer facilities of transportation which would secure to the City of New-York its present advantages, is a matter well deserving our serious consideration. Such a canal must compete against a free river communication having a circuitous course, and, to some degree, dangerous navigation.

As it is morally impossible that the people will call a Constitutional Convention within the next year or two, and some alteration in the constitution will be necessary before so great a work can be undertaken, it might not be impolitic for the present Legislature to authorize a commission to examine the whole subject, to estimate the cost and ascertain as nearly as practicable whether the supply of water can be obtained, with a view that the convention may have before it reliable estimates for its action.

It might also be expedient for the Legislature to authorize the Executive to open communication with the Executive Governments of the principal Western States, to ascertain how far they would be willing to cooperate with New-York, and share in the responsibility and expense of constructing a ship-canal of adequate dimensions.

If those States should be willing to participate in the cost, in proportion to the advantages they would derive from the construction of such a canal, then it would be possible for the convention to authorize this work by the issue of a capital stock equal to the whole cost of the work, based solely on its revenues or on the credit of the States united in the construction, and thus relieve the people of this State from all apprehension of being taxed for the enrichment and benefit of the Western States.

My apology for this brief and imperfect reference to a subject which is daily becoming more and more pressed upon the public consideration is that it will be necessarily brought before the convention likely to be called the coming year, and the importance of having authentic and well-ascertained facts for the consideration of that body, as well as the disposition of the States at the West to participate in a work which they are so deeply interested.

NEW-JERSEY.

Valedictory Message of Gov. Joel Parker.

In his last annual message to the New-Jersey Legislature, Gov. PARKER gives the following summary of the condition of the State finances:

STATE ACCOUNT PROPER.

Receipts.

Receipts from the usual sources during the fiscal year ending Nov. 30, 1865, (including $61,219 64 advance payments by railroad companies,)	$454,088 72
Cash balance on hand Nov. 30, 1864	139,273 00
Total	$593,311 72

Disbursements.

For ordinary and extraordinary expenses, (including appropriations for the purchase of Normal School, building addition to State Capitol, building wing of Asylum, appropriations to Children's Home, Lunatic Asylum, State Prison, &c.)	$430,850 57
Balance of State fund, Nov. 30, 1865	164,461 15
Of the above balance there was in hand on the 30th day of November, 1865, in cash	$55,876 54
Stock of joint companies received during the year, at cost	12,500 00
Amount advanced by "State fund" for war purposes and due from "War fund" to "State fund."	96,084 61—$164,461 15

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The unpaid claims of the State of New-Jersey against the United States for money advanced during the war, now on file in the departments in Washington and ready to be adjusted (together with the expenses of militia sent to Pennsylvania and Maryland for the payment of which a law of Congress must be passed) amount to about eight hundred thousand dollars, and should the whole of that sum be received, the entire indebtedness of the State of New-Jersey, all of which was incurred for war purposes, will be reduced to about two millions of dollars. I refer you to my correspondence with the President and Secretary of War, herewith submitted, urging the speedy settlement of these claims. In justice to the Federal authorities, it is right here to state, that the general government is still largely indebted to all the loyal States, and that as much money has been paid to New-Jersey in proportion to the amount of indebtedness as to any other State.

It is with much pleasure that I refer to the fact that, notwithstanding the frequent financial embarrassments of the country during the war, and the immense quantity of securities bearing a high rate of interest offered by the United States, not a single New-Jersey bond has been sold by the State for less than par. Previous to the year 1863, they were sold at par, since then they have generally commanded a large premium. The amount of premiums received by the "War Fund" on sale of State bonds during the last three years is $101,623 05. They have been sought and purchased extensively by the people of other States.

The EX-Governor thinks that the national securities should have been made taxable by States.

QUARANTINE.

The appointment of a commission by the New-York Legislature, to negotiate for the establishment of the quarantine within the limits of New-Jersey, is announced. The Governor says:

It is proposed by said commission not only to ask New-Jersey to permit the State of New-York to locate her quarantine on lands within this State, and yield to New-York quarantine jurisdiction over the waters of the lower bay, but also to question the boundary line between the States. I herewith furnish you a copy of the correspondence for such action as you may deem proper. While comity requires me to bring the subject to your notice, I deem it my duty to recommend that the commissioners of the State of New-York be informed that this State cannot consent to have the quarantine located on her territory; that she is unwilling to surrender any portion of her jurisdiction over the lower bay covering land within her boundaries; that the boundary line between the States, established by the treaty of 1833, is a subject for judicial decision in causes now pending, and therefore New-Jersey declines to appoint commissioners to negotiate on those subjects.

TROOPS IN UNITED STATES SERVICE.

The rebellion against the Government of the United States having been suppressed, the troops called to the field from this State (except one regiment of infantry) have been mustered out of the service. On the 20th day of May last, more than fifteen thousand men have returned to their homes, all of whom have been publicly received and welcomed by me in the name of the State.

The number of men mustered into the service of the United States and credited to New-Jersey on the records of the War Department from the 17th day of April, 1861, to the 15th day of April, 1865, is 79,843. To these should be added the militia forwarded to Pennsylvania and Maryland, to defend those States from invasion. This is a greater number than there were able-bodied men between the ages of eighteen and forty-five in the State at the commencement of the war.

More than four thousand military commissions have been issued. The officers appointed have proved worthy the confidence reposed in them by the Executive. For gentlemanly deportment, soldierly bearing and bravery in action, the New-Jersey officers deserve and in the late war have not been excelled by those of any other State.

NATIONAL AFFAIRS.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT.—On the 1st day of February, 1865, I approved a resolution submitting to the State Legislature a proposition to amend the Federal Constitution, by adding an article abolishing slavery throughout the United States. The proposed amendment was transmitted to the Legislature at its last session for its ratification or rejection, and was rejected by both the Senate and House of Assembly. The final action of the two Houses has been officially communicated to the Secretary of State of the United States. The amendment has since been ratified by the requisite number of States, and the Secretary, as required by law, has announced by proclamation that it has become valid as a part of the Constitution. It is a remarkable fact that three-fourths of the States where slavery existed at the commencement of the war have ratified the Amendment, and nearly all the States where the people were in rebellion, have either adopted the amendment or abolished slavery within their borders by altering their State Constitutions. Thus this radical change in the organic law of the country has been consummated by the people most interested in the question, and most to be affected by it. The ready acquiescence of the Southern people in the results of the war, their sincere desire to renew their relations with the Federal Government, and the harmony and unity of feeling with which they accept the new condition of things, are in a great measure owing to the fact that when they submitted to the national authority, they found the constitution unchanged, and had the opportunity to exercise the right of self-government in relation to a question which so seriously affected them. The Amendment has been adopted by the non-slaveholding States while the nation was convulsed with civil war, and while the people of a large section of the country, through the machinations of their leaders, were not participating in the government, the cordial restoration of the Union would have been postponed for years. They who have always maintained that under the constitution slavery could not be abolished without the action of the States wherein it existed never were the friends of slavery, but they were the friends of the constitutional rights of the people in all sections of the country.

The condition of these dependent human beings who are now suffering and dying by the thousands, in consequence of being suddenly set free, is deplorable. How much better would it have been for them, and how much less onerous the burden of taxation on the people, if a system of gradual emancipation had been adopted.

NEGRO SUFFRAGE.

We have been told for years that slavery was the only serious obstacle to the prosperity of the country, and that with its destruction national discord would cease. The death of slavery has been accomplished, and yet the irrepressible conflict continues. The agitators are not satisfied with the freedom of the negro, but demand for him absolute political equality. This was doubtless, from the beginning, the design of the original abolitionists, and judging from the past, they would still find employment for another war upon the country if necessary to attain their object.

In the formation of the Federal Constitution, the control of the elective franchise was not granted to the General Government. The articles in that instrument which prescribe the manner of choosing Presidential electors and members of Congress, expressly leave the question of suffrage with the several States. It is now proposed to override the constitution, and have Congress usurp a power clearly reserved to the State governments. To accomplish this, an effort is made to blot out of political existence one-third of the States, and to hold their territory under military rule, for the sole purpose of forcing on the people negro suffrage as a condition precedent to their readmission. This destructive and revolutionary policy is advocated by a large body of men of commanding talents and powerful influence, who, in opposition to the well known sentiments of the President, have thus far succeeded in depriving a portion of the States of representation of Congress.

The Abolitionists have always insisted that the institution of slavery tended to degrade the mental and moral nature of the enslaved, and yet they now ask us to share the administration of government with the ignorant beings who have just emerged from a state of bondage. The right to hold office will accompany the right to vote. In some of the Southern States, the negro population preponderates, and should the elective franchise be extended to them, not only would those States be under their control, but they would be represented in Congress by negroes. Such a mongrel government would never prosper. Two races of men so entirely distinct, so widely separated by the laws of nature that they cannot blend socially, cannot administer public affairs with success. A terrible voice of warning has recently come to us from the Island of Jamaica. The repetition of the experiment in this country would be very certain to end in a war of races.

The negroes of the South now perishing from want of food, as a necessary consequence of sudden emancipation, claim our warmest sympathy. Their former masters are impoverished, and therefore unable at this time to provide for their wants. The first duty of philanthropy is to keep them from starving. They need bread much more than they need the ballot. Let them, by local laws, be fully protected in their rights of life, liberty and property, but it is far better for both races that the white man should continue to govern the country.

RESTORATION.

The questions connected with the restoration of the Union are more important than any that have heretofore claimed the attention of the American people. A speedy resumption of the relations of all the States with the Federal Government is essential to the prosperity of the country.

The States whose people have lately been in revolt have never been out of the Union. It was to prevent their secession that we raised armies and burdened ourselves with debt. A portion of some of the people of some of the States rose in insurrection, and attempted to withdraw those States, but did not succeed. To acknowledge that secession was accomplished, is to confess that we failed in the avowed object of the war, that the so-called Confederacy was in fact a foreign government, and that the Confederate debt is a lien on us as conquerors.

Throughout the war every department of the government treated all the States as in the Union. The proclamations of the late President were founded on the theory that all ordinances of secession were void, that individuals were in arms against insurrection against the Government of the United States, but that the States as such had not lost their existence. During the rebellion Congress passed an act apportioning representatives in Congress, in which all the States are recognized. For nearly two years after the States of Virginia and Tennessee had passed ordinances of secession they were represented in the United States Senate. If Tennessee is not a State in the Union, then the President of the United States has no right to exercise the duties of that office. Since the suppression of the rebellion, the States wherein the people attempted to accomplish secession have exercised the highest act of sovereignty in changing the Federal Constitution, and the proper authority has proclaimed the proposed amendment adopted by their votes. We must not for one moment admit that a State can secede from the Union by a mere declaration of such intention. If the people appeal to the God of battles, and succeed in establishing and maintaining their independence, it becomes a successful revolution; but, thanks to our brave army and navy, under the guidance of an overruling Providence, such was not the result of the late terrible conflict.

The rebellion is at an end. To-day there is not anywhere a single man in arms against the government. The authority of the constitution and laws of the United States is now acknowledged and obeyed from the Potomac to the Rio Grande. Courts have been organized, Custom-houses and Post-offices established and taxes collected. At the request of the President, conventions of the people have been held, Legislatures convened, and Senators and Representatives regularly chosen. At the suggestion of the Federal authorities slavery has been abolished, the Constitutional Amendment ratified, the Confederate debt repudiated, and laws for the protection of the rights of the negroes in their new relations passed by the States.

No greater evidence of renewed loyalty could be given than has been manifested by the Southern people since the close of the war, and if we now reject them, if we now drive their representatives from the doors of Congress, it is equivalent to a declaration that we will forever distrust them, and that the Union shall never be restored. If such a policy shall prevail, the day is not far distant when for the people of the loyal States in a war for the Union have been in vain. A large majority of the people of New-Jersey are undoubtedly opposed to such a policy. They believe that all the States are in the Union, and that they are under the constitution entitled to representation in Congress. I recommend that the Legislature, at an early day, give expression to the views of the people on this vital question.

CONCLUSION.

When I entered upon the duties of the office to which I was elected by the suffrage of the people, I subscribed an oath to support the Constitution of the United States, and also to bear true faith and allegiance to the government established in this State, promote the peace and prosperity, and maintain her lawful rights. Conscious of the sacredness of my motives, and impressed with the conviction that for the performance of every act, public or private, an account must be rendered so Him who searcheth the hearts of men, I have endeavored faithfully to discharge the obligations thus imposed. While every effort has been put forth to meet the calls of the constituted authorities for men and money to suppress the rebellion against the Government of the United States, not a single right of the State of New-Jersey has been yielded, and not one of her citizens, during my administration, has been deprived of his liberty without due process of law.

In this, my last official communication to the Legislature, I embrace the opportunity to acknowledge the uniform kindness with which I have been treated by the representatives of the people, and also to express to the people themselves my heartfelt thanks for the confidence and generous support they have given me amid the arduous and responsible duties of my office during the most eventful period of our history. It is the retirement of private life, I can look back to this period, and be assured that I have been, in the hands of Providence, instrumental in some degree in promoting the prosperity of my native State, and advancing the welfare and glory of my country, I shall be amply compensated for all the trials and anxieties incident to the position. May God in His infinite wisdom and mercy preserve our institutions, establish our government on a firm foundation, and make the Union perpetual. JOEL PARKER.

TRENTON, Jan. 9, 1866.

OUR EUROPEAN FLEET.

Decadia of the Recent Movements.

Correspondence of the Philadelphia Inquirer.

UNITED STATES SCHANCK COLORADO,
VILLAFRANCA, FRANCE, Friday, Dec. 15, 1865.

On Friday, the 24th of November, about 8 A. M., the *Colorado* steamed out of the Tagus, and soon left Lisbon far behind. The sun was shining brightly, but we had no sooner reached the open sea than a heavy fog came on, and in fifteen minutes the wind was blowing dead ahead with such force that our progress was hardly perceptible. We, however, got ahead slowly, the sea running very high, and the ship creaking, groaning, and turning herself nearly inside out.

After coming into port we found that as much as half an inch of her planking had opened in the forward part. This weather continued until dark, and then the *Colorado* rolled so that all our guns had to be double breeched by extra hawsers placed in addition to them. Everything was getting adrift on deck, and had to be lashed down, about midnight it blew a perfect hurricane. A heavy sea and wind came up under our quarter, taking two of our boats; and when we came into port we were completely winged, having two boats on one quarter and two jagged stumps of spars on the other. Just as this was going on another crash was heard, and our heavy howitzer and front gun broke away over the deck, going into fifty pieces, breaking in one man's head and fracturing the leg of another.

The same sea knocked into the cabin, breaking through the ports, and flooded the grand apartment with about a foot and a half of water, washing the Admiral and the Captain up to the gun-deck. So much for this ominous Friday—we have had three such since this "unlucky Friday" we have had fine weather.

The two boats we lost have most likely been picked up by some ship since that night, and, no doubt, some strange reports may spread concerning the fate of our ship. But here we are, safe and sound, and with plenty of boats for the present, as ashore, which is the main consideration at present.

Altogether it is a charming place. There are a great many Americans living here, and others constantly passing through. To-morrow fifty Americans will arrive, on their way to Rome for the carnival, and to these we propose giving a ball.

On Thanksgiving day all the Americans at Nice came on board ship for Divine services. These were conducted by the Chaplain, after which our splendid band of twenty-four pieces rendered the "Star-Spangled Banner" and other national airs.

Then, descending to the Admiral's room, all partook of an elegant collation.

The weather is so mild that, by going a few steps on shore, we can pick apples, pears, oranges and lemons.

Admiral GOLDSBOROUGH has secured a villa, and is living ashore for the Winter. He will remain during the season in the harbor.

The North Carolina Stay Law.

From the Charlotte (N. C.) Times Jan. 4.

This relic of barbarism, this invention of dishonest legislators, is still in force in this State. We had hoped that the Legislature, at its recent session, would have abolished it forever. Failing therein, we hope, at its reassembling, that one of its first acts will be to repeal this odious enactment instanter and in toto. It is a disgrace to any State to have such a law standing on its statute books. It is also a reproach on the people of the honest sense of, we can see and admit that, at one time in our recent troubled condition, it may have been necessary—at least we will try to think so—but no necessity exists for it now. To adhere to it will be to bring us into interminable social difficulty and merited disrepute, particularly with our sister States. See already the effects of the escape of the stay laws by Virginia and Mississippi by their present Legislatures. Northern papers are making a fruitful theme of it, and already the credit of these States has been greatly impaired at the North. It is an unwise movement for us. We need credit from the North and Europe, yet, while we are willing to contract new obligations, we openly proclaim our inability and unwillingness to pay old ones. We have little ready money, but expect much from our future crops. Northern merchants are supplying our wants liberally, and on favorable terms, but will they continue to trust us when we thus approximate repudiation. They have even been more liberal than this. They have credited us for new goods without first demanding their old debts. But now, to meet this leniency with our odious stay laws will be forever to destroy all hope of credit in the future. We thought, and frustingly believed, that the war had put an end to the credit system. But not so. The South must have credit—she cannot exist without it. Her present impoverished and unsettled condition demands it. And, even if we were in our old prosperous condition, still, credit would be necessary. In the multifarious and varied transactions of commerce, credit must be resorted to. The history of the world so proves this. But the South should not delude itself into the belief that Northern merchants will be only too glad to credit them. This is a fatal error, and we fear this conviction has forced itself upon the minds of Southern merchants. No idea can be worse founded.

Things have greatly changed. During the late war Northern capital increased on and flourished, and Northern merchants waxed fat, without Southern custom. They grew rich. Their business greatly increased. They adopted a purely cash system. They got along four years without our custom and did better than ever before. It is a great and serious mistake to suppose that they cannot do without us. They have tried it and succeeded well. They can go on without us again. They ask no favors of us, and when they yield credit, they do so with a sense of fear and with a firm conviction that the obligation is entirely on our side. But we must have credit, and to meet this disposition on the part of Northern merchants, with our stay laws, will be to most effectually and forever do away with what little credit we still have with them.

But this is not all. The barbaric custom acts with most baneful effect in our social and domestic relations. Man is naturally credulous, and is always willing to extend a kindness to his fellow man. Indeed, the daily and hourly avocations of life frequently render it necessary that credit should be resorted to—if not for one reason, then for another. In fact, debts may and must be contracted, dependent upon a future contingency. Thousands of cases might be cited where credit must, under the circumstances, be granted. It cannot be helped. But it is based on that inherent principle in man—born with him—of equity and justice, of honor, of that God-like attribute and command—that we should "do unto others as we would they should do unto us," and that we should "render unto Cæsar that which is his."

The credit system must exist to some extent—the daily intercourse and custom of life prove it. Then, shall we meet our obligations by any other? Shall we stultify and dishonor ourselves by a resort to this last invention of dishonesty? We trust not. We hope our Legislature will not countenance this return to this almost obsolete, and always odious measure. Let them repeal it at once. Let it no longer be a blot upon the clear pages of our statute book. Away with it, now and forever. Almost daily, in our profession, we are called upon for advice as to whether the payment of this or that debt, contracted in good faith, can be enforced. But we are compelled to say to our clients, "we can do nothing for you yet, owing, first, to the fact that we have not any legal tribunal to resort to to procure your redress, and secondly, because we have a stay law."

The New Vagrant Act of Louisiana.

From the New-Orleans Picayune.

Act No. 12 amends and enlarges the scope of the Vagrant Act of 1865. It adopts the same definition of vagrancy as in the old act, and provides that any person charged with vagrancy shall be arrested on the warrant of any Judge or Justice of the Peace; and if said Judge or Justice of the Peace shall be satisfied by the confession of the offender, or by competent testimony, that he is a vagrant within this legal description, he shall make a certificate of the same, which shall be filed with the clerk of the court of the parish, and in the City of New-Orleans. The certificate shall be filed in the offices of the Recorders, and the said justice or other officer shall require the party accused to enter into bond, payable to the Governor of Louisiana, or his successors in office, in such sums as said Justice of the Peace or other officer shall prescribe, with security to be approved by said officer, for his good behavior and future industry for the period of one year; and upon his failing or refusing to give such bond and security, the Justice or other officer shall issue his warrant to the Sheriff or other officer, directing him to detain and to hire out such vagrant for a period not exceeding twelve months, or to cause him to labor on the public works, roads and levees, under such regulations as shall be made by the municipal authorities: *Provided*, that if the accused be a person who has abandoned his employer before his contract expired, the preference shall be given to such employer of hiring the accused; and provided further, that in the City of New-Orleans the accused may be committed to the workhouse for a time not exceeding six months, there to be kept at hard labor on the public works, roads or levees. The proceeds of hire in the cases herein provided for to be paid into the parish treasury for the benefit of paupers; and provided further that the persons hiring such vagrant shall be compelled to furnish such clothing, food and medical attention as they furnish their other laborers.

It will be seen that this act makes no distinction between whites and blacks.

A STRANGE WEDDING.—The St. Louis *Democrat* says that a few days ago CHARLES MORITZ, a returned soldier, being anxious to marry and settle down, offered an acquaintance $50 provided he procured him a person of whom he might make a wife. The bargain was struck and MORITZ's friend and a few others determined to work a practical joke on the bachelor. They had a boy dressed up in women's clothing, introduced to MORITZ, who was pleased with the look of the bargain, and arrangements being made to that end, a confederate joker married the pair and received $5 from the happy bridegroom for tying the knot. MORITZ also paid over $70 for the wedding supper and gave his bride a handsome present in money. The sudden illness of a sister called the bride away from the wedding feast, and she did not return. Next day MORITZ set out to hunt her up, when he was told the whole affair was a farce. He did not regard the matter, and the parties to it are in jail for trial on a charge of swindling.

LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

NEW FEATURE OF THE STRONG DIVORCE CASE.

Mr. John Austin Stevens, Jr., Threatens to Punish Mr. Cram., and is Arrested.

It was sincerely hoped that the Strong divorce case, which had occupied so much attention lately, had been buried from sight, at least for the present; but we are obliged to allude to it once more. It appears that Mr. JOHN AUSTIN STEVENS, Jr., brother of Mrs. STRONG, took considerable offence at some remarks of Mr. CRAM, the counsel for Mr. STRONG, including certain "unmanly qualifier" said to be possessed by Mr. STEVENS, Jr. He demanded a retraction of the offensive language, which Mr. CRAM declined. Considerable correspondence followed between the two gentlemen, which was closed by Mr. STEVENS sending a threatening letter, in which he intimated personal punishment in case satisfaction was not accorded. On receipt of this letter, Mr. CRAM visited Mayor HOFFMAN, and acting under His Honor's advice, placed himself under the protection of Special Detective HUGH MASTERSON.

Later in the day Mr. CRAM appeared before Justice HOGAN, at the Tombs Police Court, and made an affidavit of the facts, when a warrant was issued for the arrest of Mr. STEVENS.

Mr. CRAM, in his affidavit, stated that on the 6th of January, 1866, JOHN AUSTIN STEVENS, Jr., with one NORMAN, his brother-in-law, met him as he was coming out of his office on his way to a professional engagement in the Surrogate's Court. STEVENS addressed him saying, "I was coming to see you." Mr. CRAM replied, "I am on my way to an engagement, if you want to see me you will have to come when I return." STEVENS then proceeded, "In your opening speech in the Strong case, stated that I was deficient in manly qualities, and I have come to ask that you retract that statement." Mr. CRAM refused to comply, and STEVENS asked him if he was prepared for the consequences of such refusal. Mr. CRAM answered that he was prepared for anything. Mr. STEVENS then wanted to know if Mr. CRAM would take a lawyer's advantage, when the latter replied that he would take advantage of no one. With this the interview ended.

Later in the day Mr. CRAM received the following letter:

SATURDAY, Jan. 6—3 P. M.

SIR: When I called upon you in person this morning, to retract the remarks on your manly qualities used by you in your opening speech in the divorce case of Mr. STRONG, you stated that you would answer me later. I will now feel glad to hear from you. I withdraw the offensive remarks, and am your obedient servant,

JOHN AUSTIN STEVENS, Jr.

HENRY A. CRAM, Esq.

On the 8th inst. Mr. CRAM replied to this communication as follows:

JAN. 8, 1866.

SIR: I take the trouble of answering your letter solely because of the misstatements it contained. I did not in the personal interview in which you asked me to retract what you call the "offensive remarks" made use of in my opening speech in the divorce suit of Mr. STRONG, tell you "I would answer you later," on the contrary, I refused to comply with your request. The interview which, in that performance of my duty as an advocate I made, are susceptible of proof, and of course I shall not retract them. This letter will close all correspondence on my part with you. Yours, &c.,

HENRY A. CRAM.

JOHN AUSTIN STEVENS, Jr., Esq.

This letter occasioned the following answer from Mr. STEVENS:

43 WILLIAM-STREET,
N. Y., Jan. 8—9 P. M.

SIR—I give you notice that unless I hear from you to-morrow, Tuesday, 9th inst., by 5 o'clock, withdrawing the offensive remarks I referred to in my note of Saturday, or giving me proper redress, I shall take my own remedy.

Your obedient servant,

JOHN AUSTIN STEVENS, Jr.

HENRY A. CRAM, Esq.

The warrant issued by Justice HOGAN was placed in the hands of an officer, and yesterday Mr. STEVENS made his appearance in court, attended by Mr. JOSEPH H. SCHELL. On his acknowledging his word that he would make no hostile demonstration, nor interfere in any way with Mr. CRAM, the Justice allowed Mr. STEVENS his liberty, on condition that he enters into surety to keep the peace toward the people of New-York State in general, and Mr. CRAM.

The Funeral of Mr. Purdy.

The Committee of the Board of Supervisors having in charge the arrangements for the funeral of Mr. ELIJAH F. PURDY, announce the following programme:

The funeral services will take place at St. Stephen's Church, corner of Broome and Christie streets, on Friday, 12th inst., at 10 o'clock A. M.

The remains will be conveyed from the late residence of the deceased, No. 63 Ludlow-street, to the church at 9:30 o'clock A. M.

The following gentlemen will act as pall-bearers.

His Honor the Mayor, JOHN T. HOFFMAN.

DANIEL E. DELAVAN, Esq., Grand Sachem of the Tammany Society.

Hon. WM. M. TWEED, Chairman of the Tammany General Committee.

Hon. JOHN KELLY, Sheriff of the County.

ISAAC LEE, Esq., Chairman of the Commissioners of Charities and Corrections.

HENRY SMITH, Esq., President of the Board of Supervisors.

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J. WILSON GREEN, Esq., President of the Board of Councilmen.

JOHN A. KENNEDY, Esq., Superintendent of Police.

ORISON BLUNT, Esq., Supervisor.

JOHN FOX, Esq., Supervisor.

SHERIDAN SHOOK, Esq., Supervisor.

AUGUSTUS WEISMAN, Esq., ex-Supervisor.

JOHN W. FARMER, Esq.

HENRY VANDEWATER, Esq.

The pall-bearers will meet at the late residence of the deceased, No. 63 Ludlow-street, at 9 o'clock A. M.

The procession will move from the house to the church in the following order:

1. The officiating clergymen.
2. The remains of the deceased, accompanied by the pall-bearers.
3. The family of deceased.
4. The Honorable the members of the Board of Supervisors, headed by their officers and Sergeant-at-Arms.
5. The Honorable the members of the Board of Aldermen, headed by their officers and Sergeant-at-Arms.
6. The Honorable the members of the Board of Councilmen, headed by their officers and Sergeant-at-Arms.
7. The Heads of Department of the City and County.
8. Members of Congress, State Senators and members of Assembly from this city.
9. The Commissioners of Charities and Correction, the Commissioners of the Central Park, the Commissioners of the Metropolitan Police, and the Commissioners of the Fire Department.
10. The Tammany Society.
11. The Tammany General Committee.
12. Citizens.

After the service at the church the remains will be conveyed to the Governor's House, in the City Hall, where they will lie in state until the morning of Saturday, the 13th inst., at 9 o'clock, when they will be conveyed to White Plains for interment.

The body, whilelin the City Hall, will be guarded by the members of the Board of Supervisors, and an opportunity will be afforded to the citizens to view the remains.

Cookery Condensed—Prof. Blot's New System.

Prof. BLOT commenced a new series of lectures on Tuesday afternoon, at the Academy, No. 896 Broadway. He intends in this course, which comprises 20 lessons, to condense the art of cooking, so that every dish in French cookery may be learned during the 20 lectures. As there are four or five thousand dishes in the French cook's catalogue, one can easily see the immense advantages of this condensation method. It will be impossible for any one to make any mistake in the preparation of any article, after listening to the Professor's clear and concise explanations. All who wish to join the class just formed had better make early application, as each lecture is invaluable. The class meets on Tuesdays and Fridays of each week, at 1 o'clock, P. M. It is especially desirable that each lady should be punctual. The bill of fare for Tuesday was: Potage, julienne; fish, broiled, maître d'hôtel; beef, baked, piquante sauce; liver in brochette; quail, larded au jus; turnips in pouletts; potatoes, Parisienne; fish, fried; choux à la crème; petits, poires aux amandes.

From the potage julienne, which is a vegetable soup poured on small pieces of fried bread, may be made potage jardinière, by leaving out the bread; and potage colbert by adding one poached egg for each person; potage printanier by putting in asparagus, radishes and green peas, and julienne with rice by adding boiled rice to the ordinary julienne, so that from one soup we have four, by making some variation.

In the same way in which turnips in poulette are cooked we may cook carrots, parsnips and salsify. As liver in brochette is cooked, sheep, calf and pig's liver, and beef and sheep's kidneys may be cooked. Partridge, prairie hen and pheasant may be cooked as the quail, *au jus*. In the same manner as beef is baked, may turkey, mutton, pork and venison be baked.

Prof. BLOT told the class that in any dinner, however grand, there could be but seven courses, namely: potage, relevé, hors d'œuvre, entrée, rôtis, entrémets, dessert.

Those who live out of town and have been unable to attend Prof. BLOT's lectures heretofore on account of the time consumed, will find this course particularly advantageous, as it enables them to learn in ten weeks all they could have learned before in a year.

We therefore commend Prof. BLOT's system of condensation most heartily, and feel sure that those who do not avail themselves of the privilege of attending his classes this Winter will feel most bitterly that they "have left undone those things which they ought to have done."

Affairs at the Brooklyn Navy-Yard—Ordnance Department.

The Ordnance Department of the Brooklyn Navy-yard is under the command of Capt. J. R. MADISON MULLANY, a gallant officer, who lost his left arm at the capture of Mobile, while in command of the United States steamer *Oneida*, assisted by Lieut.-Commanders D. L. BRAINE and EARL ENGLISH, Lieut. W. P. BUCKNER, Gunners GRAHAM and HAMILTON at the Yard, Gunner VENABLE at the Dock, and Gunner HILL at the magazine on Ellis Island. Ensign SOMERS, with four other ensigns, is stationed on board the ordnance-ship *Potrsmouth*, now lying at anchor off Ellis Island. Until within the last thirty days there have been five hundred men employed in this department, but owing to the reduction of force there are but two hundred and twenty-three now employed and nearly all of that number are men who have seen four years' service in the army or navy. Last Saturday one hundred and sixty-four men were discharged. Capt. MULLANY is busily employed in transporting all the guns from the yard to the Ordnance Dock. Nearly all the explosive matter has been removed from the Yard, and in less than a year over two hundred thousand pounds of shell have been emptied and stored so that there can be but little damage done by explosions should a large fire occur at the yard.

BOARD OF COUNCILMEN.

The Death of Mr. Purdy—Appointment of Committees.

This board held a special meeting yesterday, Mr. GREEN in the chair.

Communications were received from the Boards of Aldermen and Supervisors, asking the board to cooperate with them in paying the last tribute of respect to the late ELIJAH F. PURDY.

On motion, a committee was appointed by the President to cooperate, with those of the two other boards.

The President appointed as the Finance Committee of the board Messrs. KELLOGG, KERSON and STERLING, and as the committee to investigate the affairs of the Public Administrator's office, Messrs. KELLOGG, FULLMAN and FLYNN.

The board then adjourned.

THE POLICE COURTS.

Jefferson Market—Before Justices Dodge and Ledwith.

Mr. ERNEST CHATIN, residing at No. 228 West Thirty-sixth-street, charged LAURA BRENNAN, a servant in his employ, with having, on the 13th of October, stolen a quantity of apparel, a blanket and one or two other articles, valued in all at $40. He stated that the girl had left his employ, and soon after the property was missed. HENRY JULIAN, residing at No. 248 West Thirty-sixth-street, also made a charge against LAURA for stealing some dresses, ladies' boots, an opera cloak, some napkins and other articles, from his residence, on the 15th of November, valued in the aggregate at $40. This affidavit stated the goods had been missed in the same manner as in the first case. When arrested a portion of Mr. JULIAN's property was found in her possession, and on her arrest she admitted the fact in both cases. Officer IRVING, of the Twentieth Precinct, made the arrest, and testified to finding the stolen property in her possession. LAURA is 22 years of age, and a native of Ireland. The prisoner was committed for trial on both charges in default of $1,000 bail.

A SMART CLERK.

JOHN H. ROSENBAUM, residing at No. 220 Sullivan-street, was complained against by Mr. DOMINICK DOMAN, who was in his employ as a clerk, of embezzlement. The accused was arrested by Officer SCHENCK, of the Court Squad. On coming before the court, the complainant stated that he had for some time missed money from his till, and as a decoy, placed some marked bills in the drawer. It was supposed that the total amount thus abstracted would reach over $200. When arrested the accused voluntarily admitted that he had stolen the money found in his possession, amounting to $9 75, but declined answering any questions in regard to the other moneys lost by the complainant. Owing to the evidence not being positive enough to hold the prisoner on the charge, he was committed for trial at the Court of Special Sessions in default of $300 bail. When searched, DOSENBACH had a receipt for $30 which had been forwarded to Germany,

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THIS EVENING, Jan. 11, commencing at 8 o'clock, EAST LYNNE; or, THE ELOPEMENT. Characters by Messrs. J. G. Ostlie, J. C. Burnett, J. Dunan, E. Goetz, J. W. Blaisdell, E. P. Holmes, &c.; Misses Mary Wells, Maria Maeder, Carrie Burke, Everett, &c.

WALLACK'S THEATRE.
Broadway, corner 13th-st.
THIS EVENING, Jan. 11, commencing at 7½ o'clock, THE POOR GENTLEMAN. Characters by Messrs. Mark Smith, Frederic Robinson, Charles Fisher, Young, George Holland, Norton, B. T. Ringgold, Graham, Mrs. Vernon and Miss Madeline Henriques.

WINTER GARDEN.
Broadway, between Bleecker and Amity sts.
THIS EVENING, Jan. 11, commencing at 8 o'clock, HAMLET. Characters by Messrs. John Wyatt, Mr. W. F. Burroughs, Mr. Humphrey Bland, Mr. W. H. Andrews, Mr. J. L. Donnelly, Miss Andrews, and others.

NEW BOWERY THEATRE.
Bowery, between Canal and Hester sts.
THIS EVENING, Jan. 11, commencing at 7 o'clock, MOLL PITCHER; or, THE FORTUNE TELLER OF LYNN. LAFITTE; or, THE PIRATE OF THE GULF, and BOOTS AT THE SWAN.

OLYMPIC THEATRE.
Broadway, between Houston and Bleecker sts.
THIS EVENING, Jan. 11, commencing at 7½ o'clock, MONTE CRISTO. Characters by Messrs. M. R. Davenport, Morton, Hind, Garrison, Lewis, Stoddard, Selwyn, Rockwell, Scott, Stanley; Misses Eliza Newton, Louisa Myers and Kate Newton.

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THIS EVENING, Jan. 11, commencing at 7½ o'clock, SOLON SHINGLE. Characters by Messrs. John E. Owens, W. J. Fox, J. W. Albaugh, J. W. Collier, H. J. Hinkon, W. H. Hamblin, H. Jordan, J. D. Bilby, F. W. Williams; Mrs. A. Hind, Miss Saidee Cole.

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THIS EVENING, Jan. 11, commencing at 7½, TIM O'BRYAN, THE IRISH EMIGRANT. Characters by the troupe. Ballet, songs, &c.

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NEWS OF THE DAY.

CONGRESS.

In the Senate yesterday a petition was presented from the colored citizens of Savannah, asking for the right of suffrage. A resolution was passed to print 6,000 instead of 10,000 copies of Lieut.-Gen. GRANT's report. A bill was reported and laid over, authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to appoint assistant assessors of Internal Revenue. Mr. WILSON introduced a bill to increase and fix the military peace establishment of the United States. It was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs. A full synopsis of the bill will be found in our Congressional report. A bill to regulate the election franchise in the District of Columbia was taken up, and after debate recommitted to the Committee on the District. A resolution defining the position of the people of the Southern States was then taken up, and after a speech in its favor by Mr. HOWE, of Wisconsin, the Senate adjourned.

In the House a bill was reported making appropriations for the support of the navy for the year ending June 30, 1867. It was referred. A resolution was adopted in relation to the tax on tobacco. A resolution was adopted to inquire into the feasibility of deepening Hell Gate, in the East River, so as to allow the ingress and egress of vessels of war and commerce. A resolution was adopted looking to the revision of the system of income taxation. Mr. DAVIS, of New-York, offered a resolution expressing confidence in the reconstruction policy of President JOHNSON. Information was called for in reference to the imprisonment of JEFFERSON DAVIS. Mr. BRANDEGEE introduced a bill to punish counterfeiting with death. On motion of Mr. RANDALL a resolution was adopted calling for information in relation to the Imperial Express Company, organized, in New-York under the authority of the so-called Emperor of Mexico, to carry on contraband or other trade between Mexico and the United States. The resolutions of Mr. ELDRIDGE in regard to the right of secession were referred to the Committee on Reconstruction. The House then proceeded to the consideration of the bill heretofore introduced by Mr. WILSON, of Iowa, extending the right of suffrage in the District of Columbia by striking out the word "white." The bill was supported by Mr. WILSON and opposed by Mr. BOYER, of Pennsylvania. After a very animated debate, in which several gentlemen took part, the House adjourned.

GENERAL NEWS.

Accounts from Louisiana represent a very unfortunate condition of affairs among the freedmen. They show no disposition to make contracts, and the planters are greatly discouraged. A number of the planters of the Attakapas Parish have emigrated to Honduras. These reports are quite in contrast with those from Mississippi, where the freedmen are going to work and making satisfactory engagements.

Gen. TILLSON, Superintendent of the Freedmen's Bureau in Georgia, has issued a circular, under date of Dec. 22, instructing his agents generally to compel freedmen, who have not property enough to get along without making contracts, to accept fair contracts when offered to them. He makes it the duty of his agents to make contracts for those who fail to do so for themselves before the 10th of this month, where good wages and kind treatment are offered to them, and such contracts are to be as binding upon the freedmen as if made by their own consent. *Query*—What is the legal quality of a contract made under compulsion?

The sons of Mr. WILLIAM JOHNSON, brother of the President, have published a letter confirming the reports that their father, who was accidentally injured by the discharge of his own gun, died for want of surgical treatment, the rebel surgeons of the vicinity refusing to render any assistance, on the ground that Mr. JOHNSON was a brother of the President. The accident occurred at Velasco, Texas, and the family were obliged to send to Columbia, one hundred miles distant, for a Federal surgeon. When applied to for their professional ministrations, the medical faculty of Velasco replied that there were too many JOHNSONS.

The New-Orleans *Picayune* announces a most agreeable sign of progressing reconstruction, in the fact that there is a rage among the young people to settle down in staid and quiet matrimony. The clergymen are kept going night and day, like doctors during an epidemic, to respond to the numerous demands for their services, to assist in tying the silken knot. The *Picayune* eloquently observes: "Gentle Hymen follows closely upon the heels of grim-visaged Mars, and the soft breathings of epithalamic melody succeed to the fierce and dissonant clangor of the war trumpet."

A few evenings since three burglars visited the residence of Col. MCKENDRY, (formerly of the Second Massachusetts Cavalry,) in Milton, Mass., and attempted to enter his house. Their noise alarmed the Colonel, who seized two loaded revolvers, and without stopping to put on his clothes went into the yard and confronted them. They were very well-behaved burglars and allowed themselves to be driven into a shed, where the Colonel held them at bay with his revolvers until his clothing had been brought to him, and a rope to tie the men together, after which he marched them to the lock-up.

A gentleman of Louisville, says the *Journal* of that city, on Thursday of last week put an interesting question to Mr. SEWARD, Secretary of State. Mr. SEWARD replied: "I must answer you diplomatically"—and he did. "And now," said the gentleman, "I will ask you another question, and you can answer as diplomatically as you please: Are we to have war?" "No!" replied the Secretary. Nothing diplomatic about that. The *Journal* adds: "We know that this conversation took place, for we heard it."

Mrs. GRIESMER, the Pittsburgh poisoner, who will expiate her crime on the 19th, remains in bed the greater part of the time, and seems to care for nothing but morphine and opium, using all that she can procure. In the same jail are MARSCHALL and FRENCH, who will be hung on the 13th inst. for the murder of a German emigrant, just arrived in the country last August.

Capt. MOORHOUSE, of the steamship *City of London*, reports the wreck on the Irish coast, near Queenstown, of the steamer *Ibis*, of the Cork and Liverpool line. The *City of London* took off all the passengers and crew on board, but the Captain and twenty-two persons were drowned before Capt. MOORHOUSE reached the vessel.

NEWHALL'S extensive car and carriage factory, at New-Haven, was nearly destroyed by fire yesterday morning. Loss about $80,000. A fire at Elmira yesterday destroyed a number of wooden buildings and some valuable stocks of goods. At Salem, Mass., an old lady and a boy were suffocated in the burning of the small cottage occupied by them.

The building and repairing the important levees on the Mississippi River has been taken in hand by the government, and Gen. HUMPHREYS, of the United States Engineers, has advertised for proposals. The work is to be pushed forward with energy.

The steamer *Pine Grove*, from Pittsburgh for Cincinnati, with 300 tons of freight, struck a snag at Buffington Island on Sunday and sunk immediately. The boat will probably be raised and her cargo saved in a damaged condition. The boat was valued at $31,000 and insured for $25,000.

The Charleston *Courier*, Jan. 9, announces the formal reopening of the Court of General Sessions and Common Pleas, which has been closed since 1863. Hon. A. P. ALDRICH presided as Judge. The State records have all been safely preserved in the interior, and were ordered to be brought down therefrom immediately.

In the late storm along the Eastern coast the brig *Emma C.*, of Gloucester, from Surinam for Boston, struck on the beach at East Sandwich and went to pieces. Five of the crew froze to death. Capt. TRASK and two men were saved.

The Kansas Legislature was organized on Tuesday. Gov. CRAWFORD in his inaugural recommends the removal of the Indians to the Indian Territory.

MORRIS ELLSWORTH, who shot his wife some time since, was hung yesterday at Newark. Prior to his execution he made a most remarkable prayer and confession.

The steamer *Eleanora Carroll* was burned at Louisville on the 6th inst., while lying at the dock. It was a first-class river steamer, and valued at $200,000.

Hon. PETER CORN, for many years a State Senator and a prominent citizen of Bullock County, Ga., died at his home on the 6th inst.

The Legislature of Maryland met yesterday. The Governor's message will be transmitted to-day.

LOCAL NEWS.

The Board of Education organized for the current year last evening, by the unanimous choice of Hon. JAMES M. MCLEAN, of the Sixth District, as President. A communication was received from Mayor HOFFMAN, nominating seven gentlemen to be School Commissioners for 1866, and the Mayor's nominations were unanimously confirmed; after which action, a communication was received from Mr. HORATIO P. ALLEN, reciting the circumstances under which Mr. JAMES B. BRADY was declared to have been duly elected School Commissioner for the Seventh District. Mr. ALLEN asserts that either by error or design, a great error has been committed, whereby he has been defrauded of his rights, and that Mr. JAMES B. BRADY has been erroneously declared elected to the office, and he specifies that the actual vote, as properly canvassed and publicly announced by the proper officers on the evening of the election, was as follows: JAMES B. BRADY, 111; HORATIO P. ALLEN, 210; FREDERICK A. SMITHE, 43; whereas the result has since been changed so as to give BRADY 211 votes, HORATIO P. ALLEN 110, and FREDERICK A. SMITHE 43, and by this alleged fraud the total vote of the ward was affected so as to give BRADY an apparent majority over ALLEN of 56 votes, while the truth is that ALLEN was elected by a majority over BRADY of 144 votes. Mr. ALLEN brings the Police Commissioners and the Board of Canvassers in the Seventh District of the Twenty-second Ward to testify that his claim is based on truth, and they do so testify. A committee was appointed to inquire and report upon the validity of Mr. ALLEN's claim.

Mr. HENRY SANFORD, Superintendent of the Eastern branch of the Adams Express Company, applied yesterday morning to Justice SHANDLEY, of the Essex Market Police Court, for a warrant to search the premises No. 100 Division-street, he having information that a portion of the plunder from the railway robbery of that company was concealed there. On searching the place occupied by JOHN B. BAUMORE, a large quantity of bank bills, United States bonds, and other papers of value were found secreted, amounting in all to $86,762. BAUMORE was taken into custody and committed for examination. Three other men have been arrested in Norwalk, Conn., on a charge of being concerned in the robbery, and it was through the confession of one of them that a clue was gained of the locality of the money.

The trial of the action in the case of JOHN CRILLEY against the Brooklyn Ferry Company was continued yesterday in the Superior Court, Part 2, before Chief-Justice ROBERTSON and a jury. The action, it may be remembered, is brought by the father, as administrator, to recover, under the statute, the sum of $5,000 from the Brooklyn Ferry Company, for having negligently run their ferry-boat, known as the *Nebraska*, over a row-boat in which Mr. HUGH CRILLEY (son of the plaintiff) and another man were rowing down the East River, on the 13th of June, 1864. HUGH CRILLEY was drowned by reason of the ferry-boat upsetting the row-boat. The testimony on either side is nearly closed, and the case will be submitted to the jury to-day. There are some very important principles of law, as well as of practice, involved in the trial of this case.

At Police Trials yesterday, before Commissioners ACTON, BERGEN and MCMURRAY, one hundred and eighteen patrolmen were arraigned for the various triable cases under police law. The number of officers who were proved to have been guilty of offences for which they are to be relieved or permitted to resign was uncommonly large—the offence being in nearly every instance intoxication on New-Year's Day. The excellent move which the Commissioners made when they resolved to create 10 roundsmen to watch the 300 patrolmen in Brooklyn, was made manifest by the appearance of twenty-five complaints from that city, showing that officers there, where their latitude has been and is so much greater than in New-York, where 1,200 are required, have needed watching.

Decrees of divorce were granted yesterday in the Supreme Court, by Justice SUTHERLAND, in the cases of Susan B. Wilkinson *vs.* Henry W. Wilkinson, Henry F. Brush *vs.* Catharine C. Brush, and Maria Schwaitzer *vs.* Charles Louis Schwaitzer. In the latter case, the judgment of the Court is that the parties have only a temporary divorce from bed and board, and that the plaintiff, MARIA SCHWAITZER, is to have the custody of the child. In the case of WILKINSON, the decree is granted on the ground of adultery of the defendant. The court directed that the wife, who was the plaintiff, should have the custody of the children.

On complaint of Mr. HENRY A. CRAM, the counsel for Mr. STRONG, in the recent divorce case, Mr. JOHN AUSTIN STEVENS, Jr., a brother of Mrs. STRONG, was brought before Justice HOGAN, of the Tombs Police Court, yesterday, on a charge of having made threats of violence against the advocate because he would not retract certain statements made by him in his opening speech to the jury. A spicy correspondence was offered in evidence. On Mr. STEVENS promising not to trouble Mr. CRAM he was permitted to depart, but will be required to enter into bonds for his future good behavior.

At the chess tournament yesterday only two games were played, one between Messrs. MCKENZIE and STANLEY, of the first class, which resulted in a draw, after three hours' play. The other game was between Dr. WARD and Mr. DILL, the former gentleman winning after a protracted contest. To-day Messrs. MCKENZIE and STANLEY will try again for supremacy, beginning play at 2 P. M.

There was a sale of a lot of old and unserviceable cannon at the Navy-yard yesterday, commencing at noon. They were sold, in lots, by the pound. The terms of sale were that before delivery to purchasers the guns were to have their trunions broken off and otherwise irreparably mutilated. The prices ranged from 1 cent, ¼ of a cent, and ½ cent per pound.

At the Court of General Sessions yesterday, as on the day before, a number of burglary cases were summarily disposed of, conviction being obtained with a single exception. Judge RUSSELL is dealing heavily with this fraternity, and thus purging the city of one of its deadliest nuisances.

WM. SMITHFORD and CARL PRUNS, charged with an attempt to pass counterfeit U. S. fractional currency, and JOHN GOFF, charged with an attempt to pass a counterfeit $100 U. S. Treasury note, were yesterday committed by United States Commissioner STILWELL to await the action of the Grand Jury.

The members of the Loyal League Club held a special meeting last evening at their rooms in Union-square, at which resolutions were passed in honor of their late associate and first President, ROBERT B. MINTURN, Esq., and in sympathy with the family of the deceased.

In the case of Ferguson *vs.* Fritz, on trial in the Circuit, Part 2, yesterday, a nonsuit was granted on motion of counsel, for the defendant.

Business in stocks yesterday was more animated, prices opened buoyantly, but on the railway and miscellaneous list closed rather heavily. Government securities were firmer and in more request. Gold ranged from 139¾@139¾, closing at the latter rate, against 139¾ on Tuesday. Money very easy. Exchange dull. In the general markets there was an advance in pork and hogs, and a decline in cotton. Otherwise the changes were not important.

Enlargement of the Weekly and Semi-Weekly Times.

Our WEEKLY edition appears this morning in its enlarged form, and hereafter that and the SEMI-WEEKLY will be issued upon a sheet of the same size with that used for the DAILY TIMES. By this enlargement we shall gain space which will enable us to give still greater variety to these editions. In accordance with the announcement already made, the regular subscription price to the WEEKLY and SEMI-WEEKLY will remain unchanged. The club rates, however, will be discontinued.

The Diplomatic Correspondence Concerning Mexico.

During the war of secession LOUIS NAPOLEON exhibited no great anxiety to secure the recognition of the so-called Mexican Empire by our government. The subject was hinted at once or twice, but from what we have heard we judge that MAXIMILIAN was more anxious than his master about the matter. Our recognition was of secondary importance then; for with the establishment of the Southern Confederacy, which was considered an assured historical fact in Europe, the Northern Government would have but limited influence and but distant relations with Mexico. The government and the empire of JEFF. DAVIS would have been the power whose action would have been of importance, and there is no doubt that it would have been glad enough to recognize, or be recognized by, MAXIMILIAN or any one else.

But just when the Confederacy was broken beyond repair—just when the power of our government was triumphantly vindicated over all foes upon land and sea—that is to say about nine months ago—a systematic and determined series of operations was begun to secure the recognition of the Maximilian Empire by the Government of the United States.

The diplomatic correspondence of our State Department about Mexico is of a remarkably complicated character. This is curiously illustrated by the documents which President JOHNSON sent to Congress on Tuesday, in compliance with a previous resolution of that body. Secretary SEWARD has communication on the subject with ROMERO, representing the Juarez Government, with ARROYO, representing MAXIMILIAN, with MONTHOLON, representative of LOUIS NAPOLEON at Washington, and with DROUYN DE LHUYS in Paris, through our representative at the French Court. To steer a straight course under these embarrassing circumstances, and to give to all the correspondence the necessary unity of sentiment and expression, requires on the one hand no little diplomatic skill, and on the other, that the policy of our government shall be clearly defined, decided and fixed.

Those who have taken the trouble to read the dispatches will entertain no doubt that both these requirements are met. There is much said by ill-informed or malicious people about tergiversation in our diplomacy upon this important question. But it is nevertheless a fact, tested beyond dispute, that from the time the invasion of Mexico was projected four years ago until the 6th of last month, when the published correspondence ends, the policy of our government concerning Mexico has been of the most consistent and steady character, and its official utterances have been such as to merit the designation of the highest statesmanship. It has, under all circumstances, refused to recognise MAXIMILIAN, and has never ceased to protest against the French policy of invasion. It has constantly maintained its relations with the Republican Government, both in Mexico itself and at Washington, and has in this and other ways given it an unwavering moral support. At the same time it has never found it necessary to plunge the nation into war, or to indulge in blustering threats of war. We all know what this latter course would have meant during the rebellion; and though the rebellion is a thing of the past, and the power and energies of the nation are now compact and untrammeled, our government has always to this moment maintained the calm passive course and the same dignified and decided attitude. Neither the course nor the attitude can be mistaken, either by LOUIS NAPOLEON or by MAXIMILIAN. They are only misrepresented by those in this country whose constant business is misrepresentation.

It was at the beginning of March last that Señor ARROYO, who had arrived here with the mission, proclaimed in advance to secure the recognition of MAXIMILIAN, attempted to approach the Secretary of State through Mr. CONWIN, who had been our Minister to Mexico, and whose favorable inclination toward the new empire was well known. He expressed himself anxious merely to secure the recognition of MAXIMILIAN's Consuls to this country in the interest of trade; but took the trouble of stating that the government of JUAREZ had no existence either *de facto* or *de jure*—a matter upon which, it must be supposed, our government entertained a different opinion. No replication being made to on this, the Marquis DE MONTHOLON called at the Department of State some time after, saying that a special agent had arrived from Mexico, bearing a letter from MAXIMILIAN to the President of the United States; but MONTHOLON was presently informed that our government was in friendly communication with the Republican Government of Mexico, and that the President declined to receive the letter, or to hold intercourse with the agent who brought it. ROMERO next appears upon the stage, complaining of ARROYO's assumption; but Mr. SEWARD explains, and adds that we recognize no other Government of Mexico than that of JUAREZ. ROMERO, however, is no better satisfied with this than ARROYO was with the other. The next document is a dispatch of Mr. SEWARD to our Minister at the French Court, for the information of the French Emperor. Mr. BIGELOW is informed "that the presence and operations of a French army in Mexico, and its maintenance of authority there, are causes of serious concern to the United States"—that this country still "regards the attempt to establish permanently a foreign and Imperial government in Mexico as disallowable and impracticable"—that we cannot agree to compromise the position we have heretofore assumed; and that we will not "recognize any political institutions in Mexico which are in opposition to the Republican Government with which we have so long and so constantly maintained relations of amity and friendship." On this dispatch being read to DROUYN DE LHUYS, he remarked, doubtless with truth, that he derived neither pleasure nor satisfaction from its contents. Mr. SEWARD reiterates these sentiments, however, in December last, and in concluding his dispatch says that "the United States will not recognize MAXIMILIAN even if the French troops should be withdrawn from Mexico." In the same month DROUYN DE LHUYS again makes an appeal for the recognition of MAXIMILIAN, stating blandly "the strong desire of the French Government to withdraw its auxiliary corps so soon as circumstances would allow it." But even to this Mr. SEWARD feels compelled to reply that "the condition which the Emperor presents is one which seems to be impracticable."

Thus the whole of this matter stands. If it be not perfectly satisfactory in all respects, it is at least of such a character as to vindicate our government. The question still requires delicate and decided treatment; but we may be assured it will have this in the future as it has had in the past.

Encouraging Signs in Congress.

The House of Representatives is working out of its false position, if we may assume that in adopting Mr. STEVENS' resolution with startling unanimity, it placed itself in a false position. The ground thus lost was partially recovered on Mr. RAYMOND's resolution affecting Tennessee. And even Mr. BINGHAM's amendment to the resolution of Mr. VOORHEES—which was passed on Tuesday—while it was not moved in the interest of the government, is so framed as to convey an expression of confidence in the President. The solemn declaration of the House of its "abiding confidence" in the President's disposition to unite with Congress in restoring to "equal position and rights" the States recently in rebellion, ought to be a long step toward reconstruction. It assures us that the House of Representatives intends to do its duty—that it is equal to the great emergency. When the greater duty of suppressing the rebellion has been so gallantly performed, and an army exceeding in numbers any the world ever knew, has been quietly "mustered out," the soldiers returning to their peaceful avocations, will statesmen incur the reproach of failing to do their duty? Surely we do not lack the wisdom to preserve what valor has won. The war to maintain the Government and preserve the Union has cost too much in blood and treasure to be left unaccomplished. Happily there is singular unanimity of sentiment among the people, to whom the assurance that the President and the House of Representatives will work together, is most gratifying.

Nor is a movement in the Senate less significant and encouraging. The District of Columbia Suffrage Bill has been amended. The hot haste manifested in conferring suffrage upon negroes indiscriminately displayed something of partisan statesmanship. The freedman has numerous wants, among which primarily are civil rights, so that his material welfare may be secured. He wants the wages of his labor, so that he can obtain food and raiment. Logically, suffrage would follow, though there are those who hold that, with the ballot in hand, the negro would want neither bread nor breeches. Others again—and we are of those—hold that it would be at least desirable that the freedman should know the uses of a ballot before he is called upon to deposit it. If, as we have been told so often by the highest Abolition authority, two hundred years of slavery have reduced the race to almost brutish ignorance, is it unreasonable to ask that the "schoolmaster" should be "abroad" among them for at least a brief season before making them either electors or jurors? But Mr. SUMNER is impatient. One of his batch of bills provides that:

"Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That in the courts of the United States, in any State whereof, according to the census of A. D. 1860, one-sixth part or more of the population was of African descent, every Grand Jury shall consist one-half of persons of African descent, who shall possess the other qualifications now required by law."

This is the "shadow" of "coming events." It indicates the character of future legislation, should the power reside in such hands.

Returning a moment to the question of colored suffrage in the District of Columbia, it is proper to say that its real purpose is to signalize and crown the event by the election of a colored man for Mayor of the City of Washington. Without inquiring what chance of success the scheme has, it is certain that such is the "undeclared" purpose of the bill introduced by the Judiciary Committee of the House of Representatives.

The Low Lodging-Houses of New-York.

The facts presented in the Annual Report of the Metropolitan Police Commissioners, which we published on Friday, bearing on overcrowding, are some of the most striking ever brought to the attention of the public. We learn from them that in a single precinct in the Fourth Ward—

"There are sixty places, or dens, where the wretched poor, the criminals and the depraved, resort to lodge, paying from ten to fifteen cents per night for the miserable accommodations.

The places are chiefly in cellars, with naked stone or brick walls, damp and decayed floors, without beds or bedding fit for human beings. They are mainly unventilated or lighted, except through the entrance door. In condition they are filthy and disgusting beyond description, overflowing with vermin and infested by rats.

Into these hideous places are packed nightly an average of ten persons to each place, or six hundred in the aggregate.

In violation of the laws of decency and morality, men, women and children, white and black, with no regard to the family relation, sleep promiscuously together, exhibiting less of the impulses of decency than the brute creation.

From the character of these apartments, their owners and occupants, and the manner of their use, cleanliness is impossible, and hideous diseases of various classes and types are engendered and propagated.

While thus occupied they cannot be made decent or healthy, and those who frequent them are beyond the reach of reform, except through the strong arm of the law."

Again, in the Sixth Ward, are the following hideous receptacles for human beings:

"No. 25 Baxter-street, two rooms, each 10 by 6, full ten feet below the street; no windows or other ventilation; bare stone walls; no furniture; a dirty, disgusting cave; twelve to fourteen lodgers nightly, at ten cents per night.

First floor of same premises a drinking place, the resort of thieves, beggars and prostitutes of the lowest class. The Captain says: 'I have seen as lodgers eighteen of both sexes asleep in the place during the night.'

No. 15 Baxter-street, a cellar, 14 by 18; five beds; naked stone walls; no window, light or ventilation; fourteen persons are accommodated at eight cents per night.

No. 16 Mulberry-street, one room, 14 by 10, with nine beds, and two beds in adjoining kitchen; twenty persons, male and female, are lodged at six cents per night. The building is the property of an officer of one of our city banks, and rents for $6 per month.

No. 51 Baxter-street, second floor, one room, 8 by 5, contains three beds, kitchen adjoining; several beds on the floor; eighteen persons lodge here, at six to eight cents per night; rent, $7 per month; owned by a well-known citizen in Twenty-third-street.

No. 141 Leonard-street, second floor; two rooms, one 8 by 10, and kitchen adjoining; eight to ten lodgers, at eight cents per night."

Other places are spoken of in the Sixth Ward, where young and old, black and white, thieves and prostitutes, beggars and drunkards, and every kind of abandoned characters, herd together, sleeping promiscuously on the floors, and coming forth in the morning to prey on the community. The Captain of the ward rightly speaks of these places as "poisoning the atmosphere" of the whole neighborhood, and spreading abroad disease and pestilence.

Such lodging-houses are dens of crime and nests of fever. They poison the city morally and physically. Here are bred thieves, and robbers, and prostitutes, and murderers. Children are nurtured here for crime. It will be observed that in a single ward are an average of *six hundred* persons every night lodging in these nests of crime and disease. The rooms, it will be noticed, have no windows, as a general rule, or light or ventilation, and are mostly below ground. These overflow with vermin and are infested with rats. Here typhus and small-pox hold a perennial feast; here prevail diarrhea and dysentery and fever; here cholera will celebrate its carnival next Summer. It will be noticed, too, that many of these hideous dens are owned by "respectable citizens," officers in banks and the like, and are let out probably by agents—these citizens never taking the trouble to look at their property and utterly regardless whether their tenants are poisoned or debauched, or in what way their houses affect the health and morals of the city. Surely if any one sin needs preaching against by the clergy, it is this cruel neglect by rich men of their tenant property and their indifference to the condition of their dependents.

Such abuses as these demand the immediate attention of the Legislature. Being especially sanitary abuses, our present "Board of Health" will of course have nothing to do with them. Every one of those underground dens ought to be broken up. It should be remembered that these places are not even tenement-houses; they are *lodging-houses*, and ought to be especially controlled by the police. In London, the police visit and inspect every such room, require ventilation, limit number of lodgers, separate sexes and enforce cleanliness, otherwise the license is at once revoked and the party keeping it fined. They have utterly done away with such dens of inquity as this report describes in New-York. Under the new Health Bill, these haunts could be broken up as nuisances and as injurious to public health—indeed they might be by the present legislation, if the Board of Health ever did anything for the public welfare.

If it were not for private charities, such as the "Newsboys' Lodging-house" and the "Girls' Lodging-house," which drain the city of an incredible number of poor, vile vagrants, there would be hundreds other of such shocking receptacles for human beings, as the Captains of Police describe in the Fourth and Sixth Wards. But there ought to be more obstacles to such packing together of men, women and children than charities; we ought to have legislation. There should be a law limiting the number lodging and sleeping in a given space, requiring an average, for instance, of 500 cubic feet for each person, and so much window and means of ventilation. If violated, the police ought to have the power to close the lodging-house or room. The public security and morals alike demand it. Such nests of fever and crime ought not to be allowed a day in a city like New-York. Under the Sanitary Bill before the Legislature, the Commissioners with the police must have the power to close such places, unless complying with their regulations; and these regulations can substantially limit the number of lodgers in a given space. We trust that these fearful revelations of our Police Board will not fall idly on the public ear, but lead to truly efficient remedies.

HOW IS IT?—Is it not contrary to the military laws of the State of New-York for members of a State regiment, like the Ninety-ninth National Guard, of this city, to be stationed as a guard over the portals of the deliberative body known as the Fenian Congress; especially when arrayed in the uniform ordered by the State Government, and carrying arms and accoutrements issued to them from the arsenals of the State? Is it not, in fact, bringing the entire military organization of the State into utter and unmerited ridicule?

The Government Coal Pile—Light Wanted.

It appears to have been the practice of the Navy Department, for the past four or five years, to permit navy vessels to be tied to docks, and their engines operated for four or five days on a stretch, in order to ascertain the "evaporative power of the boilers," and to prove a certain hypothesis (recently exploded by the *Winooski-Algonquin* dock-race) which, in a desire for fame or notoriety, has been entertained by the Chief of the Steam Bureau. With regard to the worthlessness of these so-called coal-burning experiments, it is not our purpose at this time to speak at length. Suffice it to say that experiments carried on ostensibly to ascertain the "evaporative power" of types of boilers which have been in use nearly a quarter of a century, the capabilities of which are of course thoroughly understood, is but a poor pretext for obtaining the material to fill certain semi-official steam blue books. As for the great number of experiments which the department have allowed to be carried on, on the national vessels, for the purpose of sustaining Mr. ISHERWOOD's so-called non-expansion theory, it is enough to state that it has brought upon itself the derision of the scientific world both at home and abroad.

The "data" of these trials, as is well known, has been compiled under the eye of the department, in two ponderous volumes, (of which contractors were "persuaded" to purchase large numbers,) called *Researches in Steam Engineering*.

The London *Engineer*, a high mechanical authority, states the opinion generally entertained of these productions when it says:

"Mr. ISHERWOOD's large work is so well written, and the figures it contains are so *skilfully prepared*, and so *apparently* trustworthy, that many of the younger members of the profession both here and abroad have been misled, and others older and wiser have been inclined to doubt the evidence of their own senses and the experience of a lifetime when opposed to the reasonings of a theorist. The New-York trial, (*Algonquin* and *Winooski*,) short as it was, has utterly demolished Mr. ISHERWOOD's arguments, and proved to demonstration the accuracy of the principles adopted by our most successful engineers for years past."

But the point to which we desire to direct the attention of Congress is not so much the farcical character of these experiments, and the blue books, to fill which they were apparently carried on, as it is to the fact that during the progress and subsequent to the war scores of government vessels have been lashed to the docks, their wheels and propellers stirring mud to the tune of hundreds, yes, thousands of tons of the nation's coal. In this connection we reproduce the following, which has been going the rounds of the daily journals:

"The gunboat *Winooski* began her final test (dock race) preparatory to her sea race with the *Algonquin*, on Tuesday last, noon. * * * * Since the conclusion of her last trial with the *Algonquin* the *Winooski* has never ceased to burn coal, and every trial has been eminently successful."

Now we are curious enough to ask where the Navy Department derived its authority for directing this baby-house play of burning coal, which has been going on for the past five years, to be carried on. We are tolerably familiar with the laws Congress and the President have made during the time mentioned, but cannot call to mind an act which authorizes Mr. ISHERWOOD's anthracite sacrifices. Perhaps we are wrong, but we only ask for light.

New Broadway.

We have been looking at the rough map appended to the Ann-street widening resolution, and will try to give the reader an idea of what is proposed. Starting from Ann-street we measure 108 feet along Park-row, then cut in so as to take all the lots up to the *Express* Office, running back on the regular lot boundary about a hundred feet, then cut off the north side of Ann-street straight to William, sixty feet, so as to make Ann-street one hundred feet wide, save at the gore on Park-row, where it will open over one hundred and forty feet, in order to give a splendid view of the City Hall and allow room for the grand curving and switching of railway tracks. From William-street there is to be a diagonal cut through the block from the junction of William and Ann to the junction of Gold and Fulton. This entirely new street, being one hundred feet wide, will leave scarcely anything of that busy block save two right-angled triangles of small area. Having reached Fulton-street at the junction of Gold, the project is to cut off or widen on the south side of Fulton about 50 feet, through to Water-street, involving the destruction of the old United States Hotel. From the front of the hotel to the river the street is wide enough, except that a small cut must be taken off the market near South-street.

The project is more important than was at first imagined. It will involve the purchase of six or seven lots and buildings on Park-row; then all the lots and buildings on the north side of Ann-street to William; then very nearly all the block bounded by William, Ann, Gold and Fulton; then all the lots on the south side of Fulton-street, from Gold to Water-street. Instead of the paltry sum named in our first hasty estimate, this "improvement" will cost several millions of dollars. Yet it was originated without petition and without notice on the 26th of December and perfected on the 30th—only four days being taken to saddle the people with four millions of expense.

By the way, there is one document remotely connected with this affair that may be worth mentioning. It is a communication from Mayor GUNTHER to the Common Council, suggesting the "improvement," and dated, if we remember rightly, early in September, but which does not seem to have reached the Aldermen until the middle of December. May we be permitted to suggest that over three months is rather a large margin of

MARINE DISASTERS.

The Terribly Cold Weather on the Coast.

Loss of the Steamer Mary A. Boardman and the Brigs Emma and George Blank.

Arrival of the Brig Itasca in Distress.

Steamers Returning to Boston Unable to Get to Sea.

WRECK OF THE STEAMSHIP ISIS.

The Captain and Twenty-two Passengers Drowned—The Survivors Taken Off by the City of London.

JOHN MORRHOUSE, Captain of the steamship *City of London*, reports: "Left Liverpool Dec. 29; when about four miles north of Queenstown, discovered a steamer on shore flying signals of distress; went as close to her as we could prudently, and found her to be the *Isis*, belonging to the Cork and Liverpool line. I sent a life-boat to her assistance, in charge of M. THOMPSON, chief officer, and succeeded in saving all the passengers and crew that remained on board, 21 in number. The Captain and 22 of the passengers and crew were drowned previous to our discovering the wreck. I lost considerable time, and was obliged to put into Halifax, short of coal."

The Wreck of the steamer Mary A. Boardman.

The steamer *Mary A. Boardman*, which went ashore on the Romer Shoal on Tuesday, has, we learn, broken in two. During Tuesday afternoon a steamer and two surf-boats were sent down to her, but the surf-boats could not be got alongside. So far as saving life was concerned, that business had been already done by two of our heroic Sandy Hook pilots—or rather by HENRY SEGUINE, a pilot, and STEPHEN H. JONES, the boat-keeper of the pilot-boat *Isaac Webb*, No. 8. In the face of the gale, the intense cold and the fields of drift-ice, these hardy men manned the boat's yawl, and after passing and repassing from one vessel to the other several times, succeeded in bringing off the entire ship's company. Should the weather continue as fine for a day or two as it is to-day, some of the steamer's cargo may be saved in a damaged state. The *Boardman* was from Morehead City, N. C., for this port. She left the former port on Friday last, at 2 P. M., having on board a cargo of cotton and resin, as well as several passengers, which, with the crew, numbered 24 persons. Capt. JORDAN was chief officer. In her passage she experienced very rough weather, the cold being intense, and the wind blowing a steady gale from the northwest. At 8:30 o'clock on Monday night she went ashore on Romer Shoal, off Sandy Hook. Half an hour after she struck her steam-pipe burst, but none of those on board were injured. The darkness of the night prevented the coming of any boat to their rescue, although the usual signal-lanterns used in cases of distress were displayed. The night was passed by all on board in a state of fearful excitement, the vessel threatening each moment to break up, and a heavy sea rolling over her.

The Brig Itasca in Distress.

SANDY HOOK, Wednesday, Jan. 10.

The brig reported last night as passing in with colors of distress flying, is the *Itasca*. She has anchored to the westward of the Hook, a long ways off, and the pilot boat that was in company with her is anchored near her. Saw a tugboat going back and forth from the brig to the pilot boat this morning. The brig is completely covered with ice. The bay is full of floating ice. The *Itasca* had proceeded eastward of Sandy Hook as far as Fire Island, where, owing to the dense vapor, she got too near the land, and grounded on the bar, when both anchors were let go. This was on Tuesday morning, and soon after the chief officer and four of the seamen prevailed on the Captain to let them go on shore for assistance, and soon after starting they were heard to cry out for help, having been swamped in the breakers, and lost. The brig was then backed off the bar, the anchors having been slipped, and the Captain, with the two remaining men, headed her for Sandy Hook; on the way there she fell in with the pilot-boat *George W. Blunt*, No. 11, who placed some of her men on board, to keep her free of water. On reaching this place she had ten feet of water in the hold, and having no anchors, she was grounded by the pilots, to prevent her sinking from under them, and until assistance could be had from the city. A steam-pump was sent down to her yesterday afternoon, and it is thought she will be up to the city to-day.

A schooner with foremast gone, was towed into the Hook last night.

Wrecks, &c., Reported from Boston.

BOSTON, Wednesday, Jan. 10.

A heavy northeast gale has prevailed at sea since last Sunday, which has prevented the sailing of the steamers *Wm. Kennedy*, for Baltimore, and the *Thetis*, for New-York. Both have returned to the city after going as far as Nantasket Roads.

Several wrecks have occurred at Cape Cod.

The brig *Emma C.*, of Gloucester, Capt. TRASK, from Surinam for Boston, with sugar and molasses, struck on the beach at East Sandwich, and went to pieces. Five of the crew froze to death. Capt. TRASK and two men were saved, badly frosen.

The brig reported ashore at Marshfield Beach, is the brig *George*, of Portland, from New-York for Boston, with coal. The vessel is a total loss. Crew saved.

The schooner *West Gleam*, from New-York for Gloucester, with corn, is ashore on Marshfield Beach. Crew saved.

The Ship America Ashore and Leaking Badly.

HOLMES' HOLE, Wednesday, Jan. 10.

The *America*, of Boston, HAMILTON, from Smyrna for Boston, run ashore at Lambert's Cove during the snow-storm on the night of the 6th, but was backed off the next day and anchored clear of the bottom, where she remained at 11 A. M. to-day, leaking one thousand strokes per hour.

A schooner, name unknown, is ashore on Copparaidic. The crew are said to have perished in the rigging yesterday.

Disaster to the Brig Hyperion, of New-York.

BOSTON, Wednesday, Jan. 10.

The brig *Hyperion*, of New-York, Capt. LEWIS, from Boston for Portland, put into Gloucester on the 9th for a harbor, and parting anchors, went ashore on Eastern Point, and was abandoned by the crew. After remaining two hours, she was floated, and drifted out into the bay, where she was observed by a wrecking-schooner, which went alongside, and at last accounts was endeavoring to get her into safe anchorage, being then fifteen miles from Hull.

Schooner Josephine Ashore.

WILMINGTON, N. C., Wednesday, Jan. 10.

The schooner reported ashore near New Inlet proves to be the *Josephine*, from Washington, N. C., loaded with corn. The vessel and cargo were a total loss.

The weather has materially moderated, and it is very pleasant.

FROM SAVANNAH.

Death of an Eminent Citizen—Movements of Steamers.

SAVANNAH, GA., Sunday, Jan. 7.

Hon. PETER CONE, for many years a State Senator, and a prominent citizen of Bulloch County, died at his home on the 6th inst.

The steamship *Julia*, from Boston, for Rio Janeiro, put into Fernandina, Fla, the 6th inst., for coal.

Arrived at Savannah, Jan. 7, the British ship *Crimea*, Capt. ENGLAND, from St. Vincent.

Below, British bark *Rockaway*.

The Oswego and New-York Midland Railroad.

ALBANY, Wednesday, Jan. 10.

A meeting of citizens from different parts of the State was held here to-day, for the purpose of discussing the feasibility of constructing a railroad from Oswego to Jersey City. A plan was finally adopted to construct an independent or trunk line between the two points. The distance in this State will be 225 miles, and $225,000 were subscribed, and 10 per cent. paid in. The company is to be known as the Oswego and New-York Midland Railroad Company.

Entertainment by Gov. Swann.

BALTIMORE, Wednesday, Jan. 10.

Gov. SWANN gave a splendid entertainment at the Governor's House to-day, after entering upon his duties. Hon. HORACH MAYNARD was among the guests, and made a stylish laudatory of the loyalty and patriotism of Maryland and Tennessee.

FROM ALBANY.

OUR ALBANY CORRESPONDENCE.

The Legislature Ready for Work—Contested Seats—Proposed Change in Divorce Laws—The Lobby.

ALBANY, Tuesday, Jan. 9, 1866.

With the appointment of the standing committees, which are sent you to-day, by telegraph, both Houses of the Legislature are placed in working order. There is, as usual, considerable growling over the list, various members being of opinion that they are not placed in as high a position as their abilities deserve, but generally the committees seem to be very well formed.

The Committee on Privileges and Elections, of which Mr. PETTS, of Orleans, is Chairman, will probably have considerable work to perform, as there are no less than three contested seats. ANDREW WILLIAMS, Union, contests the seat from Clinton County, which the canvassers awarded to SMITH M. WEED, Democrat, by one majority; JAMES S. LYON, Union, contests the seat of WILLIAM WILLIAMS, Democrat, from Erie County; and JOSEPH M. MURPHY, Union, contests the place of J. F. CRAWFORD, Democrat, from Albany County.

Mr. SNYDER, of Oneida, has introduced a bill to authorize divorces in cases of abandonment, which provides that a marriage may be annulled by the Supreme Court whenever the husband shall wilfully abandon the wife or the wife the husband, without just cause, for the period of five years, in which case the plaintiff is to have the right to marry again. Mr. SNYDER's bill will meet with considerable opposition on the part of many members who believe that the less the laws concerning divorce are tinkered, the better for society.

Business is exceedingly dull here at present, inasmuch as the lobby has not yet brought forward its budget. Speaking of the lobby, I am impelled to say that it is not numerous at present, but that in its front rank I notice several gentlemen who were formerly members of Assembly. These ex-members have engaged rooms for the Winter with the avowed purpose of running the "third house" during the session.

NEW-YORK LEGISLATURE.

SENATE.

ALBANY, Wednesday, Jan. 10.

Petitions were presented to confirm the grant of the Brooklyn Common Council to the Metropolitan Railway, and to amend the act for the collection of damages caused by railroad accidents.

BILLS NOTICED.

By Mr. PIERSON—To amend the charter of the Phœnix Fire Insurance Company of Brooklyn.

By Mr. BENNETT—To consolidate the Buffalo and Washington Railway Company with the Sinnemahoning and Portage Railroad of Pennsylvania.

Also the Buffalo Police Bill.

By Mr. G. CORNELL—To incorporate the American Exploring and Mining Company.

By Mr. LENT—To enable the Comptroller of New-York to more speedily raise the money required for charitable, correctional and other purposes under the act creating the Department of Public Charities.

To amend the charter of the Firemen's Fund Insurance Company.

To incorporate the New-York Mission and Tract Society.

By Mr. FOLGER—To enable husband and wife to be witnesses for and against each other in civil cases.

BILLS INTRODUCED.

By Mr. ANDREWS—To extend the powers of the Five Points House of Industry.

By Mr. COLLINS—To make more stringent the act to prevent persons doing business under fictitious names.

By Mr. PARSONS—Authorizing the Rochester Common Council to buy grounds for an arsenal.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS.

On motion of Mr. ANDREWS the subject of redistricting the State into Senate and Assembly Districts, under the last census, was referred to a select committee.

On motion of Mr. GODDARD it was

Resolved, That the President of the United States be requested to retain in the military service all the officers of the Volunteer Corps who have been wounded or disabled while in the line of duty, and who are still physically and otherwise able and qualified efficiently to perform military service.

Mr. LENT moved the following:

Resolved, That the Engineer of the Croton Aqueduct Board be requested to report his opinion as to the practicability of constructing a railroad under Broadway, in the City of New-York, and especially as it is affected by the attempt to construct the same upon the Croton and other pipes and the sewers, and the damage, if any, which may be caused to the city and to individual property thereby, and, what precaution ought to be taken to guard against the same and to provide for the payment of damages, and what legislation is necessary in reference to that object.

Mr. H. C. MURPHY asked the mover to consent to the resolution laying over.

Mr. LENT declined.

Mr. MURPHY moved that it be laid on the table.

Motion carried. Adjourned.

ASSEMBLY.

ALBANY, Wednesday, Jan. 10.

Mr. LITTLEJOHN, from the Select Committee on the Rules, offered a resolution for the creation of a new Standing Committee on the Census and Apportionment of the State.

Resolution adopted.

NOTICES.

For a Buffalo Police District.

To amend the charter of the Ogdensburgh and Lake Champlain Railroad Company.

To facilitate the transportation of way freight, and regulate the prices thereon, on the railroads of the State.

To incorporate the North River Savings Bank.

For an elevated railroad in Broadway.

To change the name of the New-York Free Academy to the New-York Free College.

To provide for the inspection of gas in Troy.

For a railroad in Thirty-fourth-street, Sixth-avenue and other streets, New-York.

For a railroad in Christopher and other streets, New-York.

To incorporate the East New-York and Jamaica Railroad Company.

BILLS INTRODUCED.

To amend the Town Insurance act.

To equalize the compensation of Judges.

To authorize the Comptroller of New-York to issue $50,000 of water stock.

To limit the term of officers of the National Guard.

To amend the Revised Statutes in relation to time for the collection of taxes.

Relative to the compensation of clerks and deputies in the employment of the State Government.

To fix the salary of Justices of the Peace in Brooklyn.

To incorporate the New-York Marine Association.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS.

By Mr. BERRYMAN—Instructing our Senators and Representatives in Congress to vote for the bill authorizing the payment of bounties to soldiers enlisting prior to 1863.

As this was a concurrent resolution, it lies over.

By Mr. PETTS—Authorizing the Committee on Privileges and Elections to send for persons and papers, and hold meetings in any part of the State.

MOTION ADOPTED.

The report of the Superintendent of the Onondaga Salt Springs was presented.

Adjourned.

SALARIES OF THE BROOKLYN JUSTICES OF THE PEACE.

Mr. WALSH introduced a bill providing that the salaries of the Justices of the Peace shall be $3,500, to be paid in equal monthly payments at the end of each month; said salary to commence Jan. 1, 1866.

INTERESTING TO OFFICERS OF THE SEVENTH NATIONAL GUARD.

Mr. CREAMER's bill provides that the election or appointment of all commissioned officers of the above guard shall be for a term of ten years, except, however, as the Commissary-General, the staff officers of the Commander-in-Chief, and all commissioned staff officers of divisions, brigades and regiments, whose terms of office shall not be changed; and no commissioned officer can be removed from office during such term, unless by the Senate on recommendation of the Governor, or by decision of court-martial.

The commissions of all officers now in office except those named shall cease and expire in the following manner:

All such commissions bearing date ten years or over shall cease Jan. 1, 1867, and all other commissions at the expiration of ten years from their respective dates, and all vacancies so created shall be filled in the manner now provided by law.

INCORPORATION OF RELIGIOUS SOCIETIES.

Mr. JENKINS' bill provides that any religious corporation may increase or reduce the number of trustees as desired, at any annual meeting, provided that such reduction or increase shall not be such as to have a less number than three, or more than nine.

CONVEYING PROPERTY TO THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

Mr. ANDERSON's bill provides for the confirming of a resolution adopted by the Commonalty of the City of New-York, Nov. 4, 1668, releasing the interest of the city to certain premises on the south side of Sixty-ninth-street, between Third and Fourth avenues. The Comptroller is directed to deliver a quit claim deed of the premises to the church.

CONSTABLE'S FEES.

Mr. MILLSPAUGH introduced a bill providing that constables shall be allowed fees as hereinafter stated:

In Civil Cases.—For serving summons, 25 cents; copy of summons, 15 cents; serving tenure, $1; serving attachment, 50 cents; for a copy thereof and inventory of property seized, 50 cents; for every mile traveled in serving summons, 10 cents; for levying upon property, 50 cents; advertising the same, 25 cents; and 5 cents for every dollar collected to the amount of $50, and 2½ cents for all over that amount; returning execution to justice, 10 cents; serving warrant in civil cases, 50 cents; notifying plaintiff, 25 cents; attending court, $3 and mileage same as jurors.

Criminal Cases.—Serving warrant, 50 cents; taking prisoner, 25 cents, and for every mile traveled 10 cents; serving subpœna, 15 cents for every one served; attendance on courts of Special Sessions, 50 cents; serving venure, 50 cents; taking charge of jury, 25 cents.

INCREASING THE SALARIES OF STATE OFFICERS, CLERKS, &C., &C.

Mr. BRANDRETH introduced a bill providing for additional compensation for the balance of the year 1865, after Sept. 30, also for the calendar year commencing Jan. 1, 1866, to the deputies, assistants, clerks and messengers employed in the TREASURER'S Department, to the Superintendent of the Bureau of Repairs, Superintendents of the Capitol and State Hall, of the following rates of advance: On all salaries under $1,500, an increase of 20 per cent.; on all salaries of $1,500, and under $2,000, 15 per cent.; on all salaries of $2,000 and over, 10 per cent.

The increased pay to the department and clerks of the Railroad Department in the office of the State Engineer and Surveyor, shall be repaid by the several railroads established pursuant to the laws of 1850.

Additional compensation is to be given the department and clerks of the Canal Department, and the Canal Commissioners and Appraisers, and to the clerk of the Canal Commissioners and Appraisers, and to the clerk of the Canal Commissioners and Appraisers, and to the clerk of the Canal Board. Also to the assistants and clerks in the Adjutant-General's, Quartermaster-General's, Inspector-General's, Paymaster-General's, Surgeon-General's and Commissary-General's offices, at same rates as provided in the first paragraph published above.

FROM PHILADELPHIA.

Important Railroad Contract.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, Jan. 10, 1866.

The contract in progress of negotiation between the Atlantic and Great Western Railroad Company and the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad Company has been finally agreed upon, and goes into effect immediately. It provides for laying a line, in the narrow guage, upon the Atlantic and Great Western Road to Cincinnati, Cleveland, and other Western cities, and also the immediate construction of a line of narrow-guage railroad through Clarion, Jefferson, Centre, Union and Northumberland Counties, to connect the Great Western with the Catawissa Road, thus forming, by means of the latter road and the Philadelphia and Reading Road, a continuous line of narrow-guage railroad from all the great cities West to Philadelphia and New-York.

One immediate result of this contract will be the establishment of a line of steamships between Philadelphia and England, for the building and equipment of which, the two companies have agreed to contribute half the amount necessary.

In the suit between the Catawissa and Pennsylvania Railroads, to be heard in the *nisi prius* branch of the Supreme Court, to-morrow, the Reading Railroad becomes a party with the Catawissa Road.

Freedman's School at Nashville.

NASHVILLE, Wednesday, Jan. 10.

The Fisk Freedman's school was dedicated yesterday. Speeches were made by Gen. FISK, Gov. BROWNLOW and others. It is intended to be a free high school for colored children, with accommodations for 1,000 to 1,500 pupils. Gov. BROWNLOW advised the teachers of colored schools to be exceedingly prudent and cautious. He stated that if Gen. THOMAS were to take his troops and leave here, the predominant party would not allow them to occupy the school a week, and that the Legislature over which he was placed, would be broken up by a mob in forty-eight hours. The Governor does not believe in reconstruction, and says he is in for the fight during the war.

Meeting of Cheese Manufacturers.

ALBANY, Wednesday, Jan. 10.

The third annual meeting of the New-York State Cheese Manufacturers' Association commenced at the Court-house in Utica at noon, Geo. WILLIAMS, Esq., of Boone, in the chair. A very large number of farmers from New-York, Ohio, Vermont and other States are present. X. A. WILLARD, A. M., of Little Falls, is to deliver the annual address this evening.

The weather has moderated. The mercury at 3 o'clock stood 26 degrees above zero. Wind west.

Extensive Fire at Elmira, N. Y.

ELMIRA, N. Y., Wednesday, Jan. 10.

A fire broke out this morning in the clothing store of J. L. ANDREE, on Carroll-street, and destroyed all the buildings from Pattinson's market, on Carroll-street, to Hitchcock's market, on Lake-street. The buildings were all of wood and of little value. The loss is principally on stocks of goods and the stoppage of the business of merchants occupying the buildings. An assortment of fireworks in one of the buildings burned made a handsome and rather exciting spectacle when they went off.

Fire at New-Haven—Carriage Factory Destroyed.

NEW-HAVEN, Conn., Wednesday, Jan. 10.

A fire broke out here this morning in WENHALL's extensive carriage and car factory. Three buildings were burned and others were seriously damaged.

There being no water for the engines, the car-shop was saved by snow-balling it.

The total loss is about $50,000; insured for $10,000.

Fire at Salem, Mass.

BOSTON, Wednesday, Jan. 10.

A fire in Salem yesterday partially destroyed a small cottage, and suffocated to death Mrs. MCCARLY, aged 80 years, and a boy named CARSEN, aged 5 years.

Maryland Legislature.

BALTIMORE, Wednesday, Jan. 10.

The Legislature of Maryland met at noon to-day. Gov. SWANN, elected a year ago, under the new constitution, took his seat to-day, and will transmit his message to-morrow.

The weather is becoming quite mild.

The Ship Zeno Murder Case.

HALIFAX, Wednesday, Jan. 10.

In the ship *Zeno* murder case, the mate was sentenced by the jury to be hung. The Judge sustained the action of the jury.

The cook's confession implicates the mate and the boy on board the vessel.

The time of the execution of the mate is not yet fixed.

Murder.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, Jan. 10.

A private dispatch received from Pottsville says HARRY H. DUNNE, operator of a colliery belonging to the New-York and Schuylkill Coal Company, was murdered this evening at about 6 o'clock, at or near Hickersville. No particulars are given, but it is supposed he was killed by one of the workmen.

Virginia Politics.

RICHMOND, Va., Wednesday, Jan. 10.

The Legislature elected a State Treasurer and Auditor to-day. JOHN S. CALVERT, who was Treasurer before and during the war, was elected by a large majority over FRANCIS J. SMITH, the present incumbent, who was appointed by Gov. PIERPONT. WILLIAM F. TAYLOR was reelected Auditor. The election of Secretary of the Commonwealth was postponed till to-morrow.

From Boston.

BOSTON, Wednesday, Jan. 10.

We have no arrivals to report this morning.

The wind is north and bloging a gale off Cape Cod, with a heavy sea.

The steamers *Thetis*, for New-York, and *Wm. Kennedy*, for Baltimore, have returned, being unable to get to sea.

Tennessee River—Markets.

NASHVILLE, Wednesday, Jan. 10.

The river is still falling and is now six and a half feet deep on the shoals.

Cotton dull, prices ranging from 40c.@41c.; receipts, 443 bales; shipments, 174 bales; sales, 167 bales.

From Fortress Monroe.

FORTRESS MONROE, Wednesday, Jan. 10.

Sailed, steamer *Cassandra*, for New-York.

The cold weather has moderated, and there are indications of a storm.

Ice in the Delaware.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, Jan. 10.

The ice is still heavy in the Delaware, but several steamers succeeded in arriving up this afternoon.

Bank Statement.

BOSTON, Wednesday, Jan. 10.

The following is the weekly statement of the condition of the Boston Banks:

Capital	$41,900,000
Loans	92,345,000
Specie	1,031,000
Legal Tender	19,914,000
Deposits	41,713,000
National Circulation	21,806,000
State Circulation	1,938,000

Markets by Telegraph.

CHICAGO, Wednesday, Jan. 10.

FLOUR dull. WHEAT active and advanced 3@4c.; sales at $1 23½ for No. 1; 86c.@86½c. for No. 2. CORN very dull at 46c. for No. 1. OATS quiet. PROVISIONS buoyant under good demand by short sellers. MESS PORK advanced $1; selling at $26@$27; 1,000 bbls. for February delivery at $27. BULK MEATS in good request. SHOULDERS, 10½c.@11c. SWEET PICKLED HAMS quiet at 16½c.@17½c. LARD firm at 16½c.@17½c. HOGS active at $8 50@$9. DRESSED HOGS active and advanced 30c.@50c.; sales at $10@$10 50, dividing on 200. Receipts—3,300 bbls. FLOUR, 16,500 bush. WHEAT, 25,000 bush. CORN, 30,000 bush. OATS. Shipments—9,000 bbls. FLOUR, 2,800 bush. WHEAT, 10,000 bush. OATS.

CINCINNATI, Wednesday, Jan. 10.

FLOUR dull, without change. WHEAT dull. HOGS active at $11 75@$12. Receipts, 5,300. Sales of Mess PORK at $26 for spring; 800 on the market at the close at $26 50@$27. GREEN MEATS advanced. WHISKY steady at $2 35. Gold, 139½.

The New-England Society and News from England Men.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

The report in the DAILY TIMES of the last annual festivities of this society, is suggestive of a few thoughts upon the design of this most excellent institution.

The annual meeting of the society for election of officers and transaction of its business, was held a week previous to the dinner at Delmonico's in the evening, instead of the middle of the day down town, as heretofore.

The society is organized for the noble purpose "of affording pecuniary relief to poor persons of New-England origin, and to establish and maintain a library."

Inasmuch as the funds set apart by the by-laws for benevolence are a *part* only of the initiation and annual dues, of course its effects in this direction are limited by the number of its members.

At the meeting alluded to a much larger number than usual were present, either from the convenient locality, or the new impulse given by the successful termination of the war to those cherished principles so dear to us, or both.

The discussion of these principles and practices of the society, the extent of its benevolence, the wisdom of enlarging its operations and of increasing its membership, awakened a deep interest, so that it was unanimously resolved to unite again at the same place on Monday evening, the 15th, to continue the consideration of these subjects.

At that meeting it is desirable that every member should be present, with the names of such persons of New-England descent as he may think best to propose for membership.

The second part of the design of the institution, that of establishing a library, is yet to be carried out. As New-England is not only not "left out of the Union," but as her principles, by recent events, cemented in blood, have taken a new and deeper hold on the mind and affections of the friends of the Union, why should we not in this great metropolis, as New-England men, rally around this chosen exponent of our principles, and carry it forward and upward until all New-England men here shall consider it their birthright, their highest honor, to be enrolled on its banners?

Why may we not have, instead of 700 members, 10,000, and not only, as now, bid every destitute New-Englander welcome to its aid, but take active measures to canvass the city for those virtuous poor of our nativity, whose sensitiveness forbids their asking for assistance?

Let us come up to the society in numbers sufficient, so that at some future time we may be able to provide ourselves with a hall adequate for our accommodation, and where lectures may be delivered on subjects connected with the history of our fathers and their sons, the great statesmen who have succeeded them.

What we do as New-England men let us do well, and with a true New-England spirit.

Let every member, then, report himself at Delmonico's next Monday evening, prepared to do his part worthy of his sires. W.

The Extra Pay Promised to Army Officers.

NEW-YORK, Thursday, Jan. 4, 1866.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

Congress passed an act in March, 1865, that all officers, then in service, below the rank of Brigadier-General, who remained in service until the close of the war, and were honorably discharged, should receive three months' extra pay.

After the surrender of the armies of LEE and JOHNSTON, many officers took advantage of the expiration of their terms of service to be mustered out; others resigned; in either case every facility being afforded them in their desire to leave the service.

The officers of the classes above mentioned, on proceeding to settle their accounts at Washington, were surprised to find that the War Department had decided they were not to receive the three months' pay—why, was never satisfactorily stated.

Thus, these officers, who had served from one to three or four years, and remained in service until the war was virtually over, were deprived of what was apparently their just due, by some mere technicality.

The officers of the Pay Department, as a general thing, informed these officers that a provision would probably be made at the next session of Congress, covering their cases.

Can you not, through your columns, suggest the propriety of an act being passed at the present session, setting the matter right, and deciding in clear terms who are and who are not entitled to the allowance; for, as the case stands, it looks very much like an arbitrary decision of the War Department.

Yours, &c., A. B.

The Paris Universal Exposition.

The time for the reception of applications for space at the Paris Universal Exposition has been extended from the 1st of January to the 1st of March next. Our producers, mechanics and artisans will have further opportunity to send in their applications for space to the agent in New-York, before the closing of the books. Too much attention cannot be given to the importance of having the characteristic productions of our country properly represented at the exposition.

Pamphlets containing full information, as well as forms of application, may be obtained by writing to J. C. DUNNY, Esq., Agent for the French Exposition, No. 5 Spruce-street, New-York.

The New-Haven Orphan Asylum.

The citizens of New-Haven have lately made the discovery that the treasury of their Orphan Asylum is nearly empty, and they have set themselves to work with a will to replenish it. On Monday evening next a promenade concert will be given, which bids fair to fully accomplish the desired object. Grafulla's Seventh Regiment Band of this city has been engaged to furnish the music for the promenaders, and the New-Haven ladies have been engaged for some days in decorating the hall where the concert is to be given. It will undoubtedly be a brilliant and successful affair.

MEDICAL COLLEGE AND HOSPITAL FOR WOMEN AND CHILDREN.—A literary and musical entertainment for the benefit of the Medical College and Hospital for Women and Children, at No. 202 West Twenty-sixth-street, will be given this evening, at the residence of Mrs. Dr. LOZIER, No. 361 West Thirty-fourth-street. It will consist of readings and singing by distinguished artists. The object is such a praiseworthy one that this entertainment should be liberally patronized.

NEW TELEGRAPH OFFICE.—The American Telegraph Company have opened an office in the New-York Stock Exchange, Nos. 10 and 12 Broad-street. Business is sent direct to Philadelphia, Baltimore, Washington, Boston, the West and all points East.

Honor to the Memory of Robert B. Minturn—Special Meeting of the Union League Club.

Last evening the members of the Union League Club assembled at their Rooms in Union-square to give expression to their sorrow at the loss sustained by them and by the community in the death of their late associate and first President, ROBERT B. MINTURN. The Vice-President, CHARLES BUTLER, Esq., presided.

Mr. BUTLER, in rising, said: We are called together this evening, gentlemen, to give expression to our unqualified sorrow at the loss we have met during the past few days, in the calling from our midst of our honored associate, ROBERT B. MINTURN. I am not called upon to pass eulogium upon this good man's memory, or to recall to your recollection the many beautiful characteristics which adorned his life. His history as a merchant, as a genial companion, and as a true Christian gentleman, is known to all of you. In contemplating the ever-pleasing and noble features of his character we all of us realize that society has lost a valued member, we the companionship of a genial friend, and his family that honored head which cannot be replaced.

The President then appointed the following gentlemen to report resolutions conveying the sense of the society in this bereavement: William E. Dodge, A. A. Low, George Griswold, Horatio Allen, A. T. Tuckerman. These gentlemen, having retired, returned in a few minutes with the following resolutions, which were then read by the President:

Whereas, It has pleased an all-wise Providence to remove from his sphere of benign activity on earth our respected fellow-citizen, a much-loved associate, ROBERT B. MINTURN, and whereas he was one of the earliest and most efficient of the founders of this club, and its first President, as well as the personal and cherished friend of many of its members, therefore

Resolved, That we recall with grateful satisfaction his original cooperation in the national objects and patriotic duties which this association was formed to initiate and promote.

Resolved, That while we deeply sympathize with his family in their irreparable bereavement, and tender them our sincere condolence, we mourn as honored and beloved associate, a generous and genial man, and a true Christian gentleman.

Resolved, That his judicious and unremitted liberality in the benevolent use of the gifts of fortune, and his conscientious discharge of responsible duties as an officer of public charities, render his example memorable and precious.

Resolved, That his uniform kindliness and hospitality in social intercourse, his consistency in friendship, his integrity as a merchant, his fidelity as a citizen, his earnest religious convictions and the daily beauty of his life, endear and consecrate his memory to our hearts.

Resolved, That we will attend his funeral under the direction of the officers of the club.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be transmitted to the family of the deceased.

In proposing and seconding the adoption of the foregoing resolutions, Messrs. WM. E. DODGE and A. A. LOW spoke at considerable length in glowing eulogy of the character of the deceased, and were followed by Dr. CHARLES ANTHON, in a very touching address on the goodness of heart and kindly charities of the lamented dead.

COMMISSIONERS OF EMIGRATION.

At the meeting of the Commissioners of Emigration held yesterday, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the Secretary be directed to notify the several members of the Commissioners from the organization, that they are requested to attend the meeting of the Board to be held on Thursday next, at 3 P. M., for the purpose of taking appropriate action on the decease of their late colleague, ROBERT B. MINTURN, Esq., and that they be requested to wear the usual badge of mourning for thirty days.

Resolved, That in both the decision and the manner of action, they equally displayed, and which none can better appreciate or will more keenly miss than the poor they so often befriended.

Resolved, That they tender their sincere condolence to the families and relatives of the deceased.

Resolved, That the Commissioners will attend their funeral in a body.

Resolved, That copies of these resolutions be presented to the families of the deceased, and published in the daily papers.

MEETING OF THE NEW-YORK CARMEN.—Quite a large meeting of the New-York carmen was held last evening, at TAYLOR's Hotel, Jersey City, to take into consideration certain proposals made by the agents of the Empire Transportation Company. Mr. STEVENS presided, and after partaking of an excellent supper, Mr. J. H. CROWELL, agent of the Empire Line, stated that the company were now prepared to offer carmen every facility for loading and unloading goods at the wharves of the New-Jersey Central Railroad Company. Mr. OWENS, Associate Agent, stated that the line had received goods from Chicago in four days, and from Cleveland in two. Addresses were also made by Mr. CORNWALL and Mr. STARRS. The carmen appeared to think favorably of the proposals of the company, who have lately erected extensive sheds and store-houses on the Jersey City side, and are prepared to do business on a large scale.

SKATING IN THE SUNSHINE.—THE BALL UP EVERYWHERE.—The genial temperature of yesterday, with the universal "ball up" which met the skater's view on every car-top, left nothing to be longed for by the lovers of this healthy recreation. From an early hour the cars were crowded with skaters of every age and sex, whose pleasant chat and fun-anticipating faces made these gloomy receptacles of crushed humanity like cheerful abodes of sunshine for a time. Even the demurely silent drivers of these comfortless carsvans seemed to forget the late-fall torments of ill-mannered frost and pulled up cheerily for each new addition to their crowded platforms. Park lakes and ponds were spotted over in every direction with exuberant humanity in pantaloons and petticoats. The feast was great and the guests were many.

FIRE IN ANN-STREET.—At 9:40 o'clock last night, a fire broke out in the basement of premises No. 79 Ann-street, occupied by W. TWINING as a packing-box manufactory. Damage to stock about $300, by fire and water. The building was not damaged to any definite extent. The fire was caused by sparks from a furnace used for generating steam. The insurance on the property could not be ascertained, as none of the owners were upon the ground.

LONGSTREET, OWEN & Co. advertise in the columns of the St. Louis *Republican* that they will be glad to do any business as cotton factors or general commission merchants with which their friends may intrust them. The *Republican* says: "The firm is composed, individually, of Gen. JAMES LONGSTREET and W. M. and H. OWEN. The former is well known as a prominent participant in the late rebellion, and the Messrs. OWEN served, the one as a Lieutenant-Colonel, and the other as Captain in the Washington Artillery of New-Orleans, which city they left at the beginning of the war as privates, and to which they have returned after receiving in the service wounds. They are now desirous of devoting their attention to the better and more peaceful pursuits of commercial life.

In her budding beauty, and when her lovelliness is in full blossom, woman is the rose of Life's Garden; but greater even than the rose is the fragrance that envelopes her when perfumed with PHALON's Night-Blooming Cereus.—*Newark American.*

THE WEEKLY TIMES.

ENLARGEMENT TO THE SIZE OF THE DAILY.

The WEEKLY TIMES will be issued this morning and hereafter upon a sheet of the same size as that used for the daily TIMES.

It contains

EDITORIALS.—Two pages of Editorials discussing all the leading topics of the day.

THE RECORD OF THE WEEK.—A carefully classified summary of all the news of the day.

CONDITION OF THE SOUTH.—Letters from our special correspondents in Virginia, Tennessee and Georgia, reflecting accurately the sentiment of the people.

FOREIGN NEWS.—The latest intelligence from Europe, Mexico, &c., &c., with extracts from our foreign files.

LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.—Reports of all events and incidents of general interest that have transpired in this city during the last four days.

MARRIAGES AND DEATHS.—One column of announcement of the marriages and deaths during the week.

It also contains

AN OLD MYSTERY REVEALED;
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TERMS.—To mail subscribers, Two Dollars per annum.

Club rates are discontinued.

Single copies in wrappers ready for mailing may be procured at the counter. Price Five cents.

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Dr. J. H. Schenck

will be at his rooms, No. 32 Bond-st., New-York, THIS DAY (Tuesday), and every TUESDAY hereafter.

Two gentlemen from Orange, N. J., whose business address will be given at this office, report their houses saved from burglars on Sunday night last by the Burglar Alarm Telegraph.

E. HOLMES, No. 198 Broadway.

Diseases and Abuses which prematurely prostrate the vital powers, with sure means of relief. Sent free of charge, in sealed letter envelopes. Address Dr. J. SKILLIN HOUGHTON, Howard Association, Philadelphia, Pa.

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GOLD, QUARTERMASTERS' CHECKS AND
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Any amount under $5,000 bought and sold over the counter at the Gold Exchange Bank rate. Orders for a larger amount executed at the Stock Exchange.

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STATE AID BONDS.
Interest at the rate of
SEVEN PER CENT. PER ANNUM,
IN GOLD,
Payable semi-annually.
Guaranteed and paid by the
STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

These bonds are secured by a mortgage on 140 miles of road, from Sacramento to the Central State line, forming part of the GREAT PACIFIC RAILROAD now building, and AIDED by the UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT. The interest guaranteed by the State of California is $42,000 per annum, and the bonds are issued at $16,000 per mile of road, and PLEDGED FOR THE PAYMENT OF INTEREST. They are a most desirable investment, which under them A VERY ATTRACTIVE AND REMUNERATIVE INVESTMENT. For further particulars apply to

FISK & HATCH, BANKERS.

$10,000 REWARD.

LOST OR STOLEN,
FORTY THOUSAND DOLLARS,
IN 7 3-10 TREASURY NOTES,
Dated June 15, 1865,
AND NUMBERED
111,632 TO 111,732 INCLUSIVE.
BONDS, 500 EACH.

The public are cautioned against negotiating these bonds, as payment has been stopped.

AMERICAN EXCHANGE BANK.

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NO. 10 BROADWAY,
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$500 REWARD.

Notice is hereby given that the following United States Seven-Thirty Treasury Notes have been stolen, and the public are cautioned against negotiating the same: Three bonds of $500 each.
No. 70,934, second series.
No. 70,935, second series.
No. 70,705, second series.
The above reward will be given for the recovery of the bonds at the Office of this New-York Times.

STATE OF LOUISIANA, EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
ALBANY, Oct. 3, 1865.

ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS

of an act of the General Assembly, hereby manifest notice is hereby given that I will receive SEALED PROPOSALS, bearing date, the 1st day of January, 1866, for the sale of one million dollars of bonds of this State, payable in twenty years, bearing interest payable semi-annually, at the rate of six per centum per annum, and coupons attached, for the payment of the proceeds of the sales of the public or swamp lands belonging to the State.

Bids will be received as low as one thousand dollars, to be addressed to the Governor, New-York, and indorsed "Proposals for the purchase of Bonds."

For the information of capitalists and others who may desire to invest in these bonds, a statement is annexed, prepared by the Register of the Land Office, showing the number of acres of swamp land remaining unsold, and from which, it will be seen, the security offered for the proposed investment of the sinking fund of the accruing interest, is ample and certain. With the present depreciation of paper currency below the standard of gold, these bonds offer an investment of unusual capital that cannot fail to be appreciated by the moneyed men of the country.

J. MADISON WELLS,
Governor of Louisiana.

[No. 35.]

AN Act to authorize the Governor to issue the bonds of the State for certain purposes, and to pledge the faith of the State to provide for the payment of the same, to defray the expenses of building levees in accordance with the contracts made by him and the Levee Commissioners appointed for that purpose.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana in General Assembly convened*, That the Governor of this State is hereby authorized to issue the bonds of the State, to be signed by him and countersigned by the Secretary of State, and sealed with the seal of the State, in such sums as he shall think proper, up to the amount of one million of dollars, payable in twenty years, and bearing interest, payable semi-annually, at the rate of eight per centum per annum.

SEC. 2. *Be it further enacted, &c.*, That the Governor, in conjunction with the Board of Levee Commissioners, shall advertise, for thirty days in the official paper, and such other papers, published in the City of New-Orleans, for proposals for the purchase of the bonds issued under the provisions of this act; and upon the receipt of the same the Governor and Board of Commissioners shall have the power to accept or reject the same as they may deem best; provided that in the event of the bids being under par and rejected, the Governor and Board of Commissioners shall not be authorized to sell or pledge said bonds, or any part thereof, to borrow the money thereon, or to carry out the provisions of this act, until the bids shall be equal to par value of the bonds.

SEC. 3. *Be it further enacted, &c.*, That to secure the payment of the said bonds and all interest that may accrue thereon, the proceeds of the sale of the public or swamp lands belonging to the State are hereby pledged.

SEC. 4. *Be it further enacted, &c.*, that if during the year the proceeds of the sale of public or swamp lands belonging to the State, pledged for the payment of the said bonds after reserving an amount sufficient to meet the interest coupons, there should be a surplus, said surplus shall be applied to the purchase from the lowest bidder of the bonds issued under this act; and the Governor and the Commissioners or a majority of them, shall have the right of rejecting all bids, demanding more than par value of the bonds, for which purpose public notice shall be given by the Governor in the official gazette and one other gazette in or out of the State, for sixty days, inviting the proposals from bondholders for the sale of the bonds herein described.

SEC. 5. That this act shall take effect from and after date.

(Signed) DUNCAN S. CAGE,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
(Signed) ALBERT SYDNEY STORRES,
Lieutenant-Governor and President of the Senate.
Approved Dec. 22, 1865.
(Signed) J. MADISON WELLS,
Governor of the State of Louisiana.

A true copy:
A. H. RARDY, Secretary of State.

State Lands, unsold Swamp Lands in the different land offices of the State of Louisiana:

District.	Unsold Swamp Lands on the last Nov, 1861.	Sold since Nov. 1, 1861.	Swamp Lands remaining unsold.
Southwestern	2,022,286 87	78,516 36	1,926,780 21
North Red River	813,796 45	20,686 37	793,102 11
Northwestern	294,423 83	54,548 43	240,857 35
Washington	1,014,252 40	30,141 40	984,110 00
Southeastern	1,324,112 90	4,172 84	1,319,940 06
Total	4,949,933 44	206,982 20	4,544,967 94

ADOLPH DUPRE,
Register of Land Office.

COAL LANDS TO LEASE.

The NORTH CARBONDALE COAL COMPANY, owners of 2,250 acres of land located near Carbondale, Penn., and entirely free from debt, are desirous of making leases of the same to parties willing to make the immediate improvements. The property is on the line of the Hudson Railroad. The company have nearly $100,000 cash on hand, and are prepared to advance this sum, proportioned to the amount of coal to be mined, to put them productive. Applications may be addressed to C. M. SCHOTT, Secretary, 319 Walnut-st., Philadelphia.

OFFICE OF THE WILKESBARRE COAL AND IRON COMPANY, No. 16 WALL-ST.,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 27, 1865.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE STOCKholders of the WILKESBARRE COAL AND IRON COMPANY for election of directors &c., will be held WEDNESDAY, the 31st inst., at the office of the Wyoming Valley Canal Company, in the City of Philadelphia, at 12 o'clock. The polls will remain open until 1 o'clock P. M. Transfer books will be closed from Jan. 20 to Feb. 1, inclusive. By order of the board.

WM. M. TILLINGHAST, Secretary.

STATE OF NEW-YORK, BANK DEPARTMENT,
ALBANY, Oct. 3, 1865.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN PURSUANT to chapter 226, laws of 1865, and 476 laws of 1865, that the circulating notes of "THE MERCHANTS' BANK IN THE CITY OF NEW-YORK," a banking association, designated by the said Comptroller as No. 1,014, and issued to the said Bank in the City of New-York, in that city, for six years from the date hereof, and not thereafter. The outstanding notes of said bank, must be presented as aforesaid, within six years from the date hereof, and if not so presented, shall not be presented for redemption and payment within the said time specified, will cease to be a lien upon the fund in the hands of the Treasurer for that purpose.

EDWARD HAND, Superintendent.
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INTEREST ON CITY STOCKS.—THE IN-

terest on Stocks and Bonds of the Corporation of the City of New-York, due on the 1st of February, 1866, will be paid on that day by DANIEL DEVLIN, Chamberlain, at the Broadway Bank.

The transfer books will be closed on Tuesday, 9th inst.

MATTHEW T. BRENNAN, Comptroller.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, NEW-YORK, Jan. 2, 1866.

NOTICE.—THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE

Stockholders of the UNION PACIFIC R. R. CO., of New-York, will be held at the office of the company, No. 73 Broadway, on TUESDAY, the 16th day of January, 1866, between the hours of 12 M. and 2 P. M., for the election of ten Trustees, to supply the place of those whose terms of office then expire.

W. F. ALDRICH, Secretary.

Dated Jan. 4, 1866.

AN ADJOURNED MEETING OF THE

Stockholders of the CONNECTICUT AND NEVADA SILVER MINING COMPANY, will be held at the office of the company, No. 41 Liberty-st., New-York, on FRIDAY, the 19th of January, at 12 M., for the election of trustees for the ensuing year, and for the transaction of any other business proper to come before said meeting.

F. G. WHEELER, Secretary.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION OF DIREC-

tors and Inspectors of Election for the Bleecker-st. and Fulton Ferry Railroad Company will take place at the office of the company, in West 14th-st., near 10th-av., in the City of New-York, on THURSDAY, Jan. 18, 1866, polls to open at 12 o'clock noon.

M. ELY, Secretary.

REMOVAL.—THE OFFICE OF THE GERMA-

nia FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY has been removed to their new building, No. 175 Broadway.
Dec. 26, 1865.

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6 PER CENT. 5-20 BONDS OF 1865.
5 PER CENT. 10-40 BONDS.
7 3-10 PER CENT. TREASURY NOTES.
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6 PER CENT. CURRENCY CERTIFICATES.

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BANKERS,
NO. 9 WALL-ST.
DEALERS IN GOVERNMENT STOCKS.
BONDS AND GOLD BOUGHT AND SOLD ON COMMISSION.
INTEREST ALLOWED ON DAILY BALANCES, SUBJECT TO CHECK AT SIGHT.

NORWOOD & LOCKWOOD,
BROKERS
IN
STOCKS, BONDS AND GOVERNMENT
SECURITIES,
NO. 17 WILLIAM-ST., NEW-YORK.
A. G. NORWOOD. JNO. P. LOCKWOOD,
Member of the N. Y. Stock Exchange. late of Buffalo.

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RIOR SHIP CANAL COMPANY.
FIRST MORTGAGE BONDS,
SECURED BY PUBLIC LANDS.

Ten per Cent. Interest—Payable Semi-Annually.

These bonds are issued to aid in the construction of a Ship Canal from Portage Lake to Lake Superior, across the promontory of Keweenaw Point, forming a link in the chain of the navigation of Lake Superior, via Sault St. Marie's Canal, with the Lower Lakes. The importance of this enterprise has been recognized by Congress by an act approved March 3, 1865, and confirmed by an act of the Legislature of the State of Michigan, passed March 16, 1865, granting to the company two hundred thousand acres of public lands, located in the rich mineral region of the upper peninsula of the State of Michigan.

The whole amount of bonds to be issued is limited by the company to five hundred thousand dollars, and secured by a first mortgage on all the franchises, rights, and property of the Portage Lake and Lake Superior Ship Canal Company, together with the said two hundred thousand acres of public lands. The bonds are payable in ten years from the 1st July, 1865, with interest at the rate of seven per cent., as authorized by the laws of Michigan, payable semi-annually, on the 1st days of January and July, at the Ocean Bank in the City of New-York, where the interest on and after the office of the President of the Company, H. A. TUCKER, No. 4 Broadway; also at the office of the Treasurer of the Company, C. H. CARR, No. 38 Broad-st.

UNITED STATES TREASURY.

INTEREST DEPARTMENT.

NEW-YORK, Jan. 8, 1866.

Parties holding (20) thirty or more coupons of the Three Years Seven and Three-tenth Notes, maturing on the 15th inst., are requested to hand them in, with schedules, at any time prior to the 13th inst.

Holders complying with the above will have their coupons examined and checks given for them on the 15th inst., after 3 o'clock P. M. Blank schedules will be furnished upon application at the Coupon Interest Department of this office.

H. H. VAN DYCK,
Assistant Treasurer United States.

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THE COAL RIDGE IMPROVEMENT AND COAL COMPANY is prepared to lease their lands, situated near Mount Carmel, Northumberland County, Penn., containing 2,300 acres in one basin of about four miles in length, in which are the celebrated Mammoth, Skidmore and other veins of first quality of coal. The Mammoth and Buck veins have been worked to some extent on both the north and south dips.

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The whole tract will be embraced in one lease, if desired.

For further information, apply or direct to the office of the company, No. 239 Water-st., Philadelphia.

H. C. WRIGHT, President.

Philadelphia, Dec. 8, 1865.

OFFICE OF THE EAGLE FIRE COMPANY,
NEW-YORK, Jan. 10, 1866.

AT THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIrectors of this company, held on the 9th inst., the following gentlemen were elected:

JAMES N. COBB,	DANIEL B. FEARING,
WM. H. ASPINWALL,	JOSEPH SAMPSON,
ROBERT LENOX KENNEDY,	JAMES BRYCE,
R. LENOX KENNEDY,	FELIX INGOLSBY,
PHILIP M. LYDIG,	GEORGE W. JONES,
JOHN G. JOHNSON,	RICHARD COBB,
	WILLIAM R. GUION.

At a subsequent meeting of the board, SANFORD COBB was unanimously reelected President.

CLINTON, Secretary.

GREENWICH SAVINGS BANK, NEW-YORK, Jan. 2, 1866.

JANUARY INTEREST FOR 1866.—THE Board of Trustees of this institution have directed that interest at the rate of Five per cent. per annum on all sums of $5 and under, and of Four per cent. on deposits over $500, free from government tax, be allowed to all depositors entitled thereto, payable on and after MONDAY, Jan. 15, 1866. Interest not drawn will draw interest from Jan. 1 as principal.

S. V. WHEELWRIGHT, President.

JOHN S. DICKERSON, } Secretaries.
JAMES HOGG, }

OFFICE OF THE NEW-YORK AND PHILADELPHIA PETROLEUM COMPANY, No. 19 BROAD-ST.,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 12, 1865.

A MEETING OF THE STOCKHOLDERS of the New-York and Philadelphia Petroleum Company will be held at their office, at 12 o'clock, M., Jan. 15, 1866, for the purpose of reducing their capital stock from $1,500,000 to $1,000,000.

EDMUND G. STEDMAN,
ALBERT H. NOOLAY,
HENRY R. THOMAS,
CHARLES MCKNIGHT, JR., } Majority of Trustees.
H. G. LEISENRING,

MISSISSIPPI AND MISSOURI RAIL-

ROAD COMPANY.—The stockholders and bondholders of the Mississippi and Missouri Railroad Company, are hereby requested to deposit the stock and bonds held by them with the Union Trust Company, No. 73 Broadway, in conformity with the resolution passed at the meeting of 27th October last.

BROADHEAD SAMPSON, JR., }
JOHN ELLIOTT, } Committee.
B. WILSON, }

OFFICE MONTAUK S. N. CO.,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 27, 1865.

A MEETING OF THE STOCKHOLDERS of this company will be held at their office, on WEDNESDAY, Feb. 14, at 2 o'clock P. M., to take into consideration the increase of the capital stock of the company.

CHAS. W. COPELAND, }
JAMES HOWE, } Directors.
C. S. FRANCIS, }

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE

Stockholders of the Montauk Steam Navigation Company will be held at the office of the company, on the 15th inst., at 1 o'clock P. M., at the office, No. 171 Broadway.

C. W. COPELAND, President.

OCEAN NATIONAL BANK,
NEW-YORK, Jan. 10, 1866.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIrectors of this bank will be held at the banking-house on TUESDAY, the 16th of January next, between the hours of 12 and 1 o'clock noon.

J. S. HARTSHORNE, Assistant Cashier.

A MEETING FOR THE ELECTION OF

Trustees of the Rock Bottom Oil Company for the ensuing year, and three inspectors, will be held at the office of the company, No. 42 Cedar-st. (up stairs,) on TUESDAY, Jan. 16, 1866, from 12 M. to 2 P. M.

WM. H. WALBRIDGE, Secretary.

Jan. 8, 1866.

OFFICE OF NEW-YORK SILVER MINING COMPANY,
NEW-YORK, Jan. 4, 1866.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE stockholders of this company for the election of trustees, &c., will be held at the office of the company on TUESDAY, the 16th inst., from 12 to 1 P. M.

S. E. HUTCHINSON, Secretary.

COMMISSIONER FOR MASSACHU-

setts and other States.—No. 5 Beekman-st., Room No. 4, first floor over Park Bank.

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UNITED STATES SEVEN PER CENT. BONDS.
Special facilities for the purchase of
CENTRAL PACIFIC RAILROAD STATE AID BONDS,
Bearing interest in GOLD.
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NEW-YORK GUARANTY AND INDEMNITY COMPANY,
NO. 11 BROAD-ST.
CAPITAL, $2,000,000.

DIRECTORS.

A. A. LOW,	W. BUTLER DUNCAN,
A. VON HOFFMAN,	GEORGE H. ORAGIN,
JONATHAN TRUMBULL,	HERMAN MARCUSE,
JOEL WOLFE,	RICHARD LATHERS,
JAMES B. JOHNSTON,	MARTIN BATES,
DAVID DOWS,	C. F. BERNARD,
G. A. TAINTOR,	NOAH L. WILSON,
SAMUEL D. BABCOCK, President pro tem.	
JAMES P. WALLACE, Vice-President.	
SAMUEL G. OGDEN, Treasurer.	FRANCIS V. SCHOALS, President.
WADE B. WORRALL, Sec'y.	PETER CUMMING, Act't.

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OFFICE STAR FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY,
COR. GREENWICH AND DEY STS.,
(NORTH RIVER BANK BUILDING,)
NEW-YORK, Jan. 9, 1866.

AT THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIrectors of this company, held on the 8th inst., the following-named gentlemen were elected Directors for the ensuing year, viz:

GORDON W. BURNHAM,	ANDREW V. STOUT,
GEORGE W. SAVAGE,	ANDREW CLERKE,
JOHN A. STEVENS,	CHARLES H. APPLEGATE,
D. RANDOLPH MARTIN,	HORACE K. THURBER,
M. O. ROBERTS,	CORNELL WHITE,
O. H. COOLEY,	RALPH SUYDAM,
JOHN P. ROOKER,	C. H. TEFFT,
JOHN J. CISCO,	ALLAN BAY,
MARTIN V. BUREN,	SIDNEY SUTTON,
ROGER PINCKNEY,	DAVID WAGSTAFF,
JOHN D. JONES,	JAMES WALLACE,
C. H. BROOKS,	C. H. LILLIENTHAL,
AUGUSTUS HEALY,	EPHRAIM S. DAYTON,
WM. C. WHITE,	CHARLES H. RICHARD,
JOHN WRIGHT,	JOHN H. ARNOLD.
ALEXANDER HONEYMAN,	

And at a meeting of directors held this day, GEO. W. SAVAGE was unanimously reelected President.

A dividend of 2½ per cent., free from government tax, is now payable.

C. C. MILLER, Secretary.

ANNUAL STATEMENT AND REPORT

of the HITCHES COUNTY, VIRGINIA OIL COMPANY:

Amount of capital stock $600,000 00

The whole amount of the capital stock has been issued in payment for the property for the business of, and which has been conveyed to the company.

Total amount of indebtedness on the 31st day of December, 1865 ..... $15,449 26

DATED, NEW-YORK, Jan. 9, 1866.

TRUSTEES.

C. H. GRANT,	A. W. POPE,
H. H. POPE,	T. B. MERRAVE,
C. H. MORGAN,	W. G. HUDSON,
O. W. JOSLYN.	

City and County of New-York, ss.—FRANCIS H. TOWS being duly sworn, says that he is the Secretary of the HITCHES COUNTY, VIRGINIA OIL COMPANY, and that the facts stated in the foregoing statement are true.

FRANCIS H. TOWS.

Sworn before me this 9th day of January, 1866.

DANL. P. DEGRAW, Jr.,
Notary Public of New-York City.

THE NATIONAL SHOE AND LEATHER BANK,
NEW-YORK, Jan. 8, 1866.

AT THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR Directors of this Bank, held this day, the following gentlemen were unanimously elected Directors for the ensuing year:

A. V. STOUT,	N. T. PORTER,
JOSIAH VALES,	W. W. WHITEHAM,
B. F. BEEKMAN,	F. J. CLARK,
L. C. DEWING,	JAS. L. STEWART,
WM. SELIGMAN,	SAMUEL HOLMES,
J. D. HOSKINSON,	G. S. MOULTON,
THOMAS CARLTON,	JOHN R. CECIL,
	MATTHEW BIRD.

At a subsequent meeting of the Board, ANDREW V. STOUT was elected President, and N. T. PORTER Vice-President for the ensuing year, both unanimously.

W. A. KISSAM, Cashier.

NATIONAL BROADWAY BANK,
NEW-YORK, Jan. 10, 1866.

AT THE ANNUAL ELECTION HELD ON the 9th inst., the following named gentlemen were duly elected Directors for the ensuing year, viz.:

FRANCIS A. PALMER,	FRANCIS BURNALD,
JOHN BODINE,	CHAS. H. WALTER,
JOHN S. HARRIS,	JOSEPH RUDD,
HELMUS M. WELLS,	WILLIAM A. HALL,
FRANCIS THOMAS,	CHARLES H. DOW,
GEORGE W. PLATT,	HENRY L. HOGUET,
JOHN R. LAWRENCE,	WARREN HARRIOT,
GEORGE C. PETERS,	HOWA W. ALLEN,
	NAHUM SULLIVAN,

and

HENRY A. HURLBUT,
JAMES BRADY,
JAMES R. WHITING,

were elected Inspectors of the next ensuing election.

At a meeting of the board, subsequently held, FRANCIS A. PALMER was unanimously reelected President.

J. L. EVERETT, Cashier.

NATIONAL BUTCHERS AND DROVERS' BANK,
NEW-YORK, Jan. 9, 1866.

AT AN ELECTION FOR DIRECTORS OF this bank, held this day, the following gentlemen were unanimously elected Directors for the ensuing year, viz.:

JOHN A. MESEREAU,	JOSEPH BRITTON,
PETER F. RANDOLPH,	HENRY A. POLHAMUS,
STEPHEN HYATT,	JOHN A. HAYWARD,
JAMES M. BALDWIN,	DENNIS PERRAULT,
GEORGE W. QUINTARD,	JNO. C. CHAMBERLAIN.
	ROBERT P. PERRIN.

And HIRAM DEVNOR, JOHN MCMENOMY, WILLIAM HIBBARD, duly elected Inspectors of the next annual election. At a subsequent meeting of the board ROBERT P. PERRIN was unanimously elected President, and GURDON G. BRINCKERHOFF was unanimously elected Cashier.

G. G. BRINCKERHOFF, Cashier.

TENTH NATIONAL BANK,
No. 260 Broadway, New-York, Jan. 3, 1866.

AT A SELECTION FOR DIRECTORS OF this bank, held at the banking house this day, the following gentlemen were elected directors for the ensuing year:

J. T. CAMPBELL,	ALBERT G. LEE,
S. L. LANCHER,	C. ROSENFELD,
JOHN ELLIOTT,	CHARLES G. BARRETT,
LEWIS EINSTEIN,	EDWIN F. HOUSTON,
JOHN FALCONER,	JOHN V. SLATER,
HENRY J. BAKER,	D. L. ROSS.

At a subsequent meeting of the board, DANIEL L. ROSS, Esq., was unanimously reelected President.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,
OFFICE OF COMPTROLLER OF THE CURRENCY,
WASHINGTON, Dec. 26, 1865.

WHEREAS BY SATISFACTORY EVIDENCE presented to the undersigned, it has been made to appear that the Mechanics' and Traders' National Bank, in the City of New-York, in the County of New-York and State of New-York, has duly organized under and according to the requirements of the act of Congress entitled an Act to provide a national currency, secured by a pledge of United States bonds, and to provide for the circulation and redemption thereof, approved June 3, 1864, and has complied with all the provisions of said act required to be complied with before commencing business under said act:

Now, therefore, I, HUGH McCULLOCH, Comptroller of the Currency, do hereby certify that the Mechanics' and Traders' National Bank of the City of New-York, in the City of New-York, in the County of New-York and State of New-York, is authorized to commence the business of banking, under the act aforesaid.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal of office, this 27th day of December, 1865.

[SEAL.]

FREEMAN CLARK,
Comptroller.

No. 7,624.

EIGHTH NATIONAL BANK OF THE CITY OF NEW-YORK.—At the regular annual election for the Directors of this Bank, held on the 9th inst., the following named gentlemen were unanimously elected directors for the ensuing year:

JOHN HALSTED,	ROBERT DUNLAP,
CHARLES G. CORNELL,	J. TRUMBULL SMITH,
BENJAMIN T. SEALEY,	UNION ADAMS,
JOHN S. MARTIN,	JOHN RAYMOND,
	EDWARD C. ROBINSON.

At a subsequent meeting of the Directors, EDWARD C. ROBINSON, Esq., was unanimously elected President of the Board.

CHAS. HUTTON, Cashier.

OFFICE OF MONTAUK S. N. COMPANY,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 27, 1865.

A MEETING OF THE STOCKHOLDERS of this company will be held at their office, on WEDNESDAY, Feb. 14, at 2 o'clock P. M., to take into consideration the increase of the capital stock of the company.

CHAS. W. COPELAND, }
JAMES HOWE, } Directors.
C. S. FRANCIS, }

MILWAUKEE AND PRAIRIE DU CHIEN RAILWAY COMPANY'S OFFICE,
No. 28 NEW-STREET, (Room 20, Third floor,) NEW-YORK, Jan. 10, 1866.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS OF THIS company will be closed from this date, at 3 P. M., until 1st of February next, at 10 o'clock A. M.

G. E. TAINTOR, Transfer Agent.

OFFICE OF THE BROADWAY INSURANCE CO.,
No. 156 BROADWAY,
NEW-YORK, Jan. 9, 1866.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIRECtors of this company will be held at their office, No. 156 Broadway, on WEDNESDAY, Jan. 17, 1866, between the hours of 12 o'clock noon and 1 o'clock P. M.

CHAS. CONNER, Secretary.

RAILROAD NOTICE.—NOTICE IS HEREBY given that the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Dubuque and Sioux City Railroad Company, for the election of Directors, will take place at the office of the company, Dubuque, Iowa, on MONDAY and TUESDAY, Feb. 12, 1866.

LOUIS BOISOT, Secretary.

DUBUQUE, Jan. 2, 1866.

LOST.—A CERTIFICATE FOR 100 SHARES of QUICKSILVER MINING COMPANY, No. 4,136, in the name of Isaac H. Reed. Notice is hereby given that application must be shown why a new certificate should not be issued therefor.

GEO. PEABODY, Jan. 8, Grand Hotel.

DIVIDENDS.

OFFICE OF CENTRAL PETROLEUM COMPANY,
NEW-YORK, Jan. 2, 1866.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CENTRAL PETROLEUM COMPANY have this day declared a cash Dividend of ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS, being TWO DOLLARS PER SHARE on the CAPITAL STOCK of the company, payable on the 15th inst. Transfer books will be closed from the 11th to the 15th, both days inclusive.

AUSTIN STEVENS, Secretary.

CONTINENTAL INSURANCE COMPANY, No. 100 Broadway, New-York.—Cash capital $600,000; surplus, $600,000. Jan. 9, 1866. This company have this day declared a semi-annual dividend of SEVEN PER CENT. to its stockholders, payable to them or their legal representatives, on and after THURSDAY, 11th inst.

H. H. LAMPORT, Secretary.

NIAGARA
FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY,
OFFICE No. 113 WALL-ST.

THIRTY-FIRST DIVIDEND.

The Directors have this day declared a semi-annual Dividend of

SIX PER CENT.

(reserving all unearned premiums,) payable on and after MONDAY, 15th inst.

F. SOTMAN, Secretary. J. D. STEELE, President.

TWELFTH DIVIDEND.
STANDARD FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY,
No. 11 Wall-st.,
NEW-YORK, Jan. 8, 1866.

The usual semi-annual dividend of

FIVE PER CENT.

has this day been declared, payable on demand, free of tax.

WILLIAM M. ST. JOHN,
Secretary.

BROADWAY SAVINGS INSTITUTION,
No. 222 Broadway, ENTRANCE ON PARK-PLACE.

DIVIDEND.—The trustees of this institution have directed that the usual dividend on deposits entitled thereto, for the six months ending Dec. 31, at the rate of six per cent. per annum on sums not exceeding $5,000, and five per cent. over $500 (free from Government tax), will be paid on and after Monday, January 15, next.

Interest not drawn will draw interest from Jan. 1.

FRANCIS V. SCHOALS, President.
WADE B. WORRALL, Sec'y. PETER CUMMING, Act't.

IRVING SAVINGS INSTITUTION,
No. 85 Warren-st.

DIVIDEND.—The Trustees of this institution have directed that the usual interest on deposits for the six months ending Dec. 31, at the rate of SIX PER CENT per annum on sums entitled thereto, (free of government tax,) will be paid on and after MONDAY, Jan. 15, 1866.

WALKER W. CONKLIN, President.
VANDERBILT L. BUXTON, Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE NEW-YORK EQUITABLE INS. CO.,
No. 59 WALL-ST.,
NEW-YORK, Jan. 4, 1866.

DIVIDEND.—THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS have this day declared a semi-annual Dividend of Four Per Cent. free from government tax, payable on and after the 9th inst.

JOHN MILLER, Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE LONG ISLAND INSURANCE CO.,
FULTON-ST., CORNER FRONT-ST.,
BROOKLYN, Jan. 7, 1866.

DIVIDEND.—A DIVIDEND OF FIVE (5) PER Cent. (free of government tax) has this day been declared, payable on demand.

WM. W. HENSHAW, Sec.

OFFICE OF THE HOWARD INSURANCE COMPANY,
No. 49 WALL-ST., NEW-YORK, Jan. 4, 1866.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HAVE this day declared a dividend of FIVE (5) PER CENT. on the Capital Stock, free from government tax, payable on and after Monday, Jan. 8, 1866.

HENRY L. OAKLEY, Secretary.

PHENIX NATIONAL BANK,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 30, 1865.

A DIVIDEND OF FOUR (4) PER CENT., free from Government tax, has this day been declared, payable on and after the 2d inst.

JOHN PARKER, Cashier.

FIFTY-SEVEN DIVIDEND.
NORTH AMERICAN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY,
No. 114 BROADWAY,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 30, 1865.

The Board of Directors have this day declared an interest dividend of FIVE PER CENT. on the capital stock, payable on demand.

E. W. BLEECKER, Secretary.

BOWERY SAVINGS BANK,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 30, 1865.

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ONLY DIRECT LINE TO FRANCE.
THE GENERAL TRANSATLANTIC COMPANY'S
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BETWEEN NEW-YORK AND HAVRE,
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The next sailing of vessels on this favorite route for the season will be as follows:
WASHINGTON.....3,724 tons.....400-horse power
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DEPARTURES FROM NEW-YORK.
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WASHINGTON.....M. BURNOUF.....FRIDAY.....Feb. 2
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Carrying only cabin passengers.
RATES OF PASSAGE IN GOLD.
First cabin, $150; second cabin, $90, including table wine for other class.
Passengers intending to land at Brest will be furnished berth with provisions, and all baggage checked to Brest, at an additional charge of $5 for first and $3 for second class.
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CANADA leaves Boston Wednesday, Jan. 17.
BOSTIA leaves New-York Wednesday, Jan. 24.
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AFRICA leaves Boston Wednesday, Feb. 14.
AUSTRALASIA leaves New-York Wednesday, Feb. 21.
FROM NEW-YORK TO LIVERPOOL.
Chief Cabin Passage.....$120 00
Second Cabin Passage.....60 00
FROM BOSTON TO LIVERPOOL.
Chief Cabin Passage.....$110 00
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Payable in gold, or its equivalent in United States currency.
Berths not secured until paid for.
An experienced surgeon on board.
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For freight or passage, apply to
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NEW-YORK TO LIVERPOOL,
Calling at Queenstown to land passengers.

Ships.	Tons.	Commanders
QUEEN	3,412	Grogan.
SCANDINAVIAN—building	3,400	
SCOTLAND	3,200	Hall.
ENGLAND	3,200	Grace.
PENNSYLVANIA	3,000	Marwin.
VIRGINIA	3,000	Lewis.
LOUISIANA	3,000	Cutting.

Leaving Pier No. 47, North River, as follows:
SCOTLAND.....SATURDAY, Jan. 6
LOUISIANA.....SATURDAY, Jan. 13
ENGLAND.....SATURDAY, Jan. 20
AND EVERY SATURDAY THEREAFTER.
The size of these steamships admits of very spacious state rooms, all opening directly into the saloon; the accommodations and fare are unsurpassed, and the rates lower than by any other line.
An experienced Surgeon on each ship free of charge.
Cabin Passage, $80; Steerage, $30—payable in currency.
The owners of these vessels will not be accountable for Specie or valuables unless Bills of lading, having their value expressed therein, are signed therefor.
For freight or cabin passage, apply at the office of the Company, No. 87 Broadway.

EDWARDS' LINE.
For steerage passage at THOMPSON'S Passage Office, No. 276 Pearl-st., and at the Company's Office, No. 87 Broadway.

AMERICAN LINE TO ENGLAND AND BREMEN.
Fast and safe ocean steamers, with comfortable accommodations for passengers of all classes.
THE NORTH AMERICAN LLOYD STEAMSHIP COMPANY'S FIRST-CLASS STEAMSHIP
WESTERN METROPOLIS,
CHAS. HOZER, Commander.
2,200 tons, 1,600 horse-power, built in 1864, and thoroughly refitted for transatlantic service, will leave for Bremen, calling at Cowes, on THURSDAY, the 15th of March.
RATES OF PASSAGE, PAYING IN GOLD:
First Cabin.....$105 00
Second Cabin.....60 00
Steerage.....30 00
An experienced surgeon on board.
The Company will not be responsible for specie or valuables unless bills of lading having the value expressed are signed therefor.
Another first-class steamship will leave 20th of March.
For freight or passage, apply to
RUGER BROTHERS, General Agents,
No. 45 Beaver-st.

ONLY AMERICAN LINE TO ENGLAND AND FRANCE.
The New-York and Havre Steamship Company's first-class mail steamships ARAGO and FULTON, having been thoroughly refitted, will leave Pier No. 37 North River for Havre, calling at Falmouth, as follows:
ARAGO.....HENRY A. GARDNER.....Jan. 20, 1866.
FULTON.....JAMES WOTTON.....Feb. 17, 1866.
ARAGO.....HENRY A. GARDNER.....March 17, 1866.
FULTON.....JAMES A. WOTTON.....April 14, 1866.
And every twenty-eight days thereafter.
RATES OF PASSAGE IN GOLD.
First cabin.....$120 | Second cabin.....$80 00
Through tickets to London, $5 extra.
An experienced surgeon on board.
The company will not be responsible for specie or valuables unless bills of lading, having the value expressed, are signed therefor.
For further information, apply to
ISAAC BELL, President,
No. 7 Broadway, New-York.

STEAM TO LIVERPOOL—CALLING AT Queenstown. The Inman Line, sailing semi-weekly, carrying the United States Mails.
CITY OF LONDON.....SATURDAY.....Jan. 13
KANGAROO.....WEDNESDAY.....Jan. 17
CITY OF BALTIMORE.....SATURDAY.....Jan. 20
and each succeeding SATURDAY and WEDNESDAY, ashore, from Pier No. 44 North River.
RATES OF PASSAGE.
BY THE MAIL STEAMER SAILING EVERY SATURDAY.
First Cabin.....$80 | Steerage.....$30
First Cabin to London.....95 | Steerage to London.....35
First Cabin to Paris.....105 | Steerage to Paris.....40
PAYABLE IN GOLD.
Passage by the Wednesday steamers: First Cabin, $90; Steerage, $35. Payable in U. S. currency.
Passengers also forwarded to Havre, Hamburg, Bremen, &c., at moderate rates.
Steerage passage from Liverpool or Queenstown, $30 gold, or the equivalent. Tickets can be bought here by persons sending for their friends.
For further information apply at the Company's Office.
JOHN G. DALE, Agent, No. 15 Broadway, New-York.

ONLY LINE OF BRITISH STEAMERS carrying passengers direct to Great Britain.
ANCHOR LINE
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Comedy with song in three acts by Grangé & Deslandes.
LA LIGNE DROITE,
Comedy in one act by Marc Monnier.
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THIS (Thursday) EVENING, Jan. 11, 1866,
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Captain Rolando.....Mr. C. W. Clarke
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Balthazar (the Duke's Steward).....Mr. W. A. Higgins
Jaques, (the Mock Duke).....Mr. F. Placide
Lopez.....Mr. H. Pearson
Juliana.....Miss Lucy Rushton
Volante.....Mrs. Mark Smith
Ramora.....Mrs. A. W. Young
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Mr. Oblivious Top.....Mr. Walcot
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L. B. LENT.....

EXECUTION IN NEWARK.

Morris Ellsworth Hung for Murder.

HISTORY OF THE CASE.

Extraordinary Prayer and Confession of the Condemned.

His Execution and Scenes Connected with it.

The execution, by hanging, of MORRIS ELLSWORTH, at Newark, yesterday, was one of the most remarkable events in the annals of American jurisprudence, and many years must pass before the parties connected with the scene officially, or as simple spectators, will recover from its effects—mental or moral.

ELLSWORTH was born in Bergen, Hudson County, New-Jersey, where he always lived, AS a boy he was kind-hearted, good-natured, full of fun, but rather simple. Without permanent occupation, he found enough to do in waiting upon restaurant tables, going errands, &c., until he became enamored of a young and pretty girl of loose morals, from whose society he seemed utterly unable to tear himself. Early in the war he enlisted, receiving $500 bounty, and went out as servant with Col. COOPER, of the Second New-Jersey, having first married the woman, who wanted his money. During his absence his wife continued her dissolute career, and was well known throughout Newark as an exceedingly bad, though very beautiful woman. When ELLSWORTH returned his wife refused to live with him. He obtained work in a restaurant, and exerted himself to please and regain her. She was obstinate, he became furious, and on several occasions threatened to shoot her, hoping thereby to induce her to live with him. On one occasion he provided himself with a pistol to shoot cats, and while he had the pistol in his pocket he accepted an invitation to go to a picnic. There he met his wife, and urged her to go home with him; she refused, and, after a scene, they separated. He watched, and saw her leave the place with two men and another woman. He followed them to a house in Market-street, and on opening the door of a room, saw her on the floor, and her paramour standing beside her. Quite naturally a scene ensued, and he was put out of the room by his wife's friend. He went a second time, finding her in the same position. Thinking to frighten her, he says, he drew and discharged his pistol, supposing the slug would pass over her head. She was frightened, and attempting to rise, received the ball, and died.

MORRIS was arrested, tried before Judge HAYNES, of the Oyer and Terminer, CORTLANDT PARKER, Esq., being the prosecutor. G. N. ABEEL, Esq., of Newark, ably defended him, but the jury gave a verdict of guilty. He was sentenced to be hung on the 26d of December, 1865, but in consequence of an application made to Mr. Governor by his counsel, he was reprieved until the 10th of January, in order that the physicians might examine him and report as to his mental status. The Governor in New-Jersey is not vested with the pardoning power; the Court of Pardons alone can interfere with a sentence. Before them the evidence was laid, but they did not deem it sufficient to warrant their interference. The fact is, that although the man was not idiotic or insane, he was simple-minded; with all the affectionate instincts of an animal, but destitute of mental power beyond that of an intelligent dog.

It being officially announced that he must be hung on the appointed day, he was transferred to the custody of Sheriff RICORD, a high-minded gentleman of rare courtesy and Christian sympathy. Preparations were made for the execution, invitations extended to the proper parties, and every care taken of the condemned.

The gallows has been used before but three times, and strangely enough every one thus far executed thereon has suffered for the murder of a wife or sister. The record as completed yesterday stands as follows:

Name.	Crime.	Victim.
Expenstine	Murder	Wife.
McMahon	Murder	Sister.
Maud	Murder	Sister.
Ellsworth	Murder	Wife.

The arrangement was simple—it consisted of two uprights and a cross beam, along which ran the rope over two pullies down through the floor where it was fastened to several enormous iron weights. These were held up by a smaller rope, which ran up through the floor over a cleet adjoining a foot-spring; this spring, when touched by the foot, would push the smaller rope from the cleet, and the weights being unheld would fall with tremendous force, and jerk far up into the air whatever might be at the other end of the rope.

We now propose to narrate how the culprit passed the few hours immediately preceding his appearance on the scaffold.

On Sunday last ELLSWORTH indicated a desire to see a clergyman. Several have been in constant attendance upon him, but on this occasion the Rev. MOSES MANNING visited him. They talked long and earnestly, and after a full and contrite delivery on the part of the prisoner, he was baptized and partook of the sacrament. Since then he spent until Tuesday night the greater part of his time in religious exercises, appearing to realize, so far as one of his ability could, his position, prospects, danger and hope. He slept well on Tuesday night, and awoke early yesterday morning, greeting cheerfully his professional visitors, and expressing himself ready and willing to die. His conversation was interlarded with the usual extravagant ejaculations which accompany the religious ecstacies of men of his temperament, so that while it was evident that he was sincere and derived comfort from his own wandering expressions, there was no evidence of intelligent appreciation of his moral accountability, or the means by which he was to be saved. He had no appetite, and could eat nothing. He expressed great regret that his father and mother did not come to bid him good-bye, and made some requests of a strictly private nature as to the distribution of his few effects.

At 10:30 o'clock he expressed a desire for religious services, and he was led into the corridor of the jail, a long, narrow, high, white-washed corridor, based with a row of cells, which were surmounted by half-a-dozen tiers, all occupied by prisoners. He took a seat near the door of his room, and, surrounded by the clergy and his friends, went through a most extraordinary season of religious ministration, and, we judge, consolation. There were present at this time Rev. Moses Manning, Rev. Mr. Heuston, Rev. Dr. Thompson, the chaplain, Rev. Mr. Harcourt, Rev. J. Atkinson, Rev. Dr. Parker, Rev. Dr. Flish, Officer Lent, Counsellor Abeel, one or two members of the press and a guard, while from behind the grated cells peered the faces, old and young, of criminals anxious to gaze at their departing comrade. Mr. HEUSTON led off with a hymn, Mr. ATKINSON followed with a hearty prayer, which the prisoner liberally interspersed with "amens," then another hymn was sung, after which the prisoner made the following most extraordinary prayer and confession, than which nothing more quaint, childlike and simple has before been printed. He said, while sobbing bitterly, substantially as follows:

"Oh, dear Heavenly Father, I have come up before you for about the last time to thank you for your goodness to me, and Oh, Heavenly Father, you know what you have done for me all my life, and how you have kept me from sin and wickedness, and I would break away from you. But Oh, Heavenly Father, you know that I was very sick once and thought I was going to die, and you spared my life so that I might seek my Saviour and not be lost; and then, Oh, Heavenly Father, after having lived around here all my life, I met a young lady and I loved her; and Oh, Heavenly Father, although my mother and all wanted me not to marry her, I did, because I loved her and wanted to make her a good woman. And then, Oh, Heavenly Father, when I went to the army I married her, and she was married in a black dress; and my mother said that the time would come when either I would mourn for her or she would mourn for me, because she was married in mourning; and, Oh, Heavenly Father, she was right. And then, Oh, Lord, it was the 26th of August, 1863, I married her, and then I went to the army and was sick in the hospital and got well, so that I might have another chance to seek the Saviour; and Oh, Heavenly Father, when I came back my wife, whom I loved, she was with another man, and then I took her and tried to make her good, and I gave her $5 to go to her aunt's, and then I heard she had run away, but I couldn't believe it, Heavenly Father, because she said she'd write to me, and my mother said she had run away and I couldn't believe her, but the Saturday night I rolled swiftly round and I went to Hudson City, but there was no letter there, and then I found she had run away with another man. But I forgave her, for Christ was then stirring in my heart, and I wanted her home again. I then went to Jersey City and saw her, but she ran away, although I wanted to speak to her. And Oh, Heavenly Father, she ran away with a young man. I was st—

Chaplain—Pray to Jesus.

Prisoner—I do. I have made my own death, I have hung myself; and oh, Heavenly Father, I said once that I would never live to be hanged, but I resisted the temptation, and I said I would escape from prison, but I resisted temptation because I thought if I did escape punishment and did escape prison, Oh Heavenly Father, I could not escape Thee.

Chaplain—Come, MORRIS, thank Jesus for what he has done; lean on Him, and then you need not fear.

Prisoner—O, Heavenly Father, I am ready to die When Jesus died upon the cross he died a more terrible death than mine; when he was taken out to die the crowds went out to see him die; why then should I faint? And Jesus said to the thief, "this day shalt thou be with me in Paradise," and so he says to me.

The officer then took ELLSWORTH back into his cell, and summoned Drs. A. L. DODD (County Physician), ZEB. H. H. TICHNOR, W. O. GORMAN, D. S. SMITH, C. M. VANDERPOOL and MCFARLANE, who, at the request of the Sheriff, examined the prisoner to see if he needed any stimulant. They decided that he did, and Officer LENT kindly furnished him some from time to time from his bottle. Mr. JOSEPH C. TOMPKINS, Marshal of Orange, took him some bread, meat and tea, a part of which he ate with apparent relish; after which he was dressed in a suit of clothes furnished by a bounty-broker, an inmate of the prison.

At 11:30, Dr. H. H. TICHNOR, Officer LENT, and a colored friend, with a member of the press, saw him for a few moments. He wore a black cloth cap, rolled up over his scalp, a white shirt, black vest, pants and slippers. He was in better mental trim than before, the stimulant evidently having been of great benefit to him. He was exhorted to die like a man, putting his trust in God. He said he would, but that he wanted to make a speech before he died. He was urged not to do so, lest the strain might be too much for him, and he was content to leave the world without his farewell address.

At 12 o'clock precisely the Sheriff sent word that all was ready, and that the time had arrived for the execution. The prisoner's arms were pinioned securely, and he was led out by Officer LENT, attended by Officers J. S. BALL, IRA CAMPBELL and ISAAC C. THOMPSON.

The gallows stood at the further end of a wide corridor of the jail, on one side of which are grated windows, and on the other several corridors of cells filled with prisoners. Some 300 spectators stood beyond a rope, which kept them from trenching upon the inclosure devoted to the attendants upon the final scene. At the left hand of the frame stood Sheriff RICORD, with his deputies, accompanied by Sheriff MESSERLES, of Hudson County. The Sheriff was dressed in a dark dress suit, buff vest and white gloves. Behind the scaffold stood the physicians, and at its right were the members of the press.

ELLSWORTH walked manfully but quietly to his position, and after a moment's hesitation the Sheriff said: Good people of New-Jersey, I am here to-day to execute upon MORRIS ELLSWORTH the sentence of the law, by authority of the Court of Oyer and Terminer of this county. He was sentenced for a previous day, was reprieved until the 10th of January, and now waits the execution of his sentence. The order for this was sent me by the Governor under the broad seal of the State, and the same I now read in your presence. (He then read the warrant.) MORRIS ELLSWORTH have you anything to say?

To this the prisoner said: I wish to say that I am ready to die. The Sheriff has been very kind to me since I came here; so has the keeper of the prison and all connected with it; may you all take warning by me, and stop your sins before it is too late. Brother THOMPSON and that gentleman (the chaplain) have been very good to me and have shown me the way to Jesus. I am ready to die; Jesus is my friend; I see Jesus in the Heavenly plain; He will come out to meet me and give me a mansion in the skies. I am ready to go. Farewell to you all.

Rev. Dr. THOMPSON then read a portion of the 51st Psalm, and Rev. Dr. PARKER followed in prayer. They shook hands with the prisoner as did others, to whom he said "Good-bye; meet me in Heaven." The Sheriff stretched forward and shook him heartily by the hand, at which he said, "Meet me in Heaven, Sheriff. God bless you. Good-bye."

The black cap was then drawn over ELLSWORTH'S eyes, and the Sheriff, whose voice trembled with emotion, said: "Good people of New-Jersey, by virtue of the authority vested in the State, by virtue of my office and the authority of the Governor, under the broad seal of the State, I do now execute the sentence of the law upon MAURICE ELLSWORTH, and may God have mercy on his soul.

As the last word passed his lips the Sheriff pressed his foot upon the spring, the weights fell with a heavy thud, and the body was jerked suddenly and with great force to the very top of the tree. The Sheriff waited a moment, and then with uplifted hands rushed from the scene, casting back a glance of horror and dismay. For a while the contractions of the muscles were plainly evident, the chest heaved up and down with force; the limbs twitched vigorously; the hands were tightly clenched, and all the more unpleasant physical developments were observable. The fall was too short; the neck was not broken, and the man died of strangulaton. The record of his pulse is as follows:

Minutes.	Pulsation.	Minutes.	Pulsation.
1	92	4	Scarcely perceptible
3	140	5	
3½	120		

The body remained upon the rope 28 minutes, and was then lowered into a coffin and removed for examination.

We are under many obligations for courtesies and facilities extended by Sheriff RICORD, Officer LENT, Dr. TICHNOR and Dr. DODD.

The New Steamship Hermann.

A very pleasant dinner was given yesterday by the New-York agents of the North German Lloyd on board of their splendid new steamship *Hermann*, in honor of her first and very successful voyage. The *Hermann* is one of the best vessels of her class afloat, substantially constructed and fitted up with everything necessary to insure the safety and convenience of passengers. The ship is divided into five bulkheads, all fitted and fastened as required by Lloyds, and perfectly water-tight and secure. The bulkheads around the engine-room, boiler-room and both galleys, are constructed of iron plates, stiffened by single iron three feet apart. The anchors, capstans, &c., are all of the best manufacture. The anchors are weighed by steam. There are pumps in all the compartments, besides two powerful double-acting force-pumps, which are provided with sufficient length of hose to reach every part of the ship. The galleys and sculleries are also provided with pumps. The cabins of this fine ship are fitted up with great elegance. The first cabin has a saloon, seventy feet long and twenty feet wide, the staterooms, with berths for ninety passengers, ranging on each side of it. The saloon is finished with bird's-eye maple, with rosewood and gilt mouldings. The panels between the staterooms doors are tastefully ornamented with artistically-painted bunches of flowers and groups of fruit. The ladies' cabin, the smoking-room, pantry, library, closets, etc., connected with the cabin, are fitted up with great elegance, and with a special view to the comfort of the cabin passengers. The Captain's suite of rooms is just forward of the main saloon; adjoining it, and forward of it, on the same deck, are the staterooms and messrooms of the ship's officers, all very neatly and comfortably furnished. The afterpart of the third deck is fitted up for second-class passengers, with skylights from upper deck. Its arrangements lack somewhat of the elegances of the upper saloon, but the comfort of the passengers has been studied with just as much attention. The staterooms, with berths for 120 passengers, are large, neatly furnished, and well lighted and ventilated. The ladies' room, as well as the pantry, closets, etc., are all that can be desired. The third-class passengers, of whom about five hundred can be accommodated, have the whole of the third deck forward of the second cabin. The steerage is fitted up with portable bed places; has convenient access to the upper decks in different parts amidships and forward, and is perfectly ventilated and lighted. The cabins, officers' rooms, messrooms, smoking-rooms, etc., are heated by steam. The upholstery work, curtains, bedding, china, earthenware, crystal, cutlery, plate, etc., are all of the very best material and make. For the preservation of meat, poultry, fish, etc., an ice-house is provided, stowing, beside over 15,000 pounds of these articles, twenty-five tons of ice. There are five compasses of the most approved make on board, all carefully adjusted; and the ship contains every requisite for safe and convenient navigation.

The list of officers of the *Hermann* are: Capt. G. WENKE, Commander; K. Drayer, Chief Officer; Fr. Von Tronchin, Purser; Joseph Watt, Chief-Engineer; Dr. G. W. L. Bohn, Surgeon; W. Schneider, Chief-Steward; C. O. Bruninghaus, Chief-Cook.

Naval Ordnance Sale.

By order of H. A. WISE, Chief of Bureau of Ordnance, a large lot of old and unserviceable navy cannon was disposed of at public auction, under the superintendence of Capt. MULLANY, at the Brooklyn Navy-yard, yesterday. Only about forty persons were present at the sale, which began about noon, and ended about 2:30 o'clock. These guns, before delivery to purchasers, will be mutilated so as to be of no service as an arm of offence or defence; otherwise they would have brought large prices, and met with a ready sale.

The first lot consisted of three 15-inch guns, for which no one would bid.

Lot.	Price per lb.	Purchaser.	Lot.	Price per lb.	Purchaser.
2	1c.	S. Robbins.	21	1½c.	Colwell & Bro.
3	1c.	Westiake & Hofmeir	22	1½c.	J. Simons.
4	15-16c.	McKee & Judson.	23	1½c.	J. Simons.
5	⅞c.	E. B. Cutler.	24	13-16c.	D. Pettie.
6	⅞c.	Westiake & Hofmeir	25	13-16c.	E. Cutler.
7	⅞c.	D. Cassidy.	26	⅞c.	E. B. Cutler.
8	⅞c.	D. Cassidy.	27	⅞c.	D. Andrews.
9	⅞c.	Andrews & Bros.	28	⅞c.	E. Cutler.
10	⅞c.	E. B. Cutler.	29	15-16c.	McKee & Judson.
11	⅞c.	S. Robbins.	30	1⅛c.	J. Simons.
12	⅞c.	S. Robbins.	31	⅞c.	Westiake & Hofmeir
13	13-16c.	E. B. Cutler.	32	11-16c.	D. Andrews.
14	1c.	S. Robbins.	33	1c.	Wm. Brady.
15	13-16c.	Colwell & Bros.	34	15-16c.	D. Andrews.
16	⅞c.	D. Cassidy.	35	1⅛c.	J. Simons.
17	1c.	S. Robbins.	36	⅞c.	M. Kenyon.
18	⅞c.	E. B. Cutler.	37	⅞c.	Westiake & Hofmeir
19	1⅛c.	E. B. Cutler.	38	9-16c.	Colwell & Bros.
20	1c.	D. Pettie.			

Lot No. 39 consisted of forty of the famed "Ericsson Torpedoes," weighing 106,400 lbs., which were manufactured at a large cost, and with which the inventor promised to clear out Charleston or any other harbor. They proved a failure, being dangerous to use, and unwieldly. Yesterday they brought 15-16 of a cent per lb., Messrs. COLWELL & BROTHERS being the purchasers.

THE ADAMS EXPRESS ROBBERY.

ARREST OF THREE OF THE THIEVES.

Partial Confession of One of the Parties Implicated.

Besides the facts published in our evening edition of last night, which were mainly comprehended in an article copied from a New-Haven paper, we have since ascertained some new items of interesting news in regard to this affair. The investigation of the arrested men has been going on at Norwalk, and also the officers have been busily at work in this city, on information received from the prisoners or otherwise procured. Of course all the officers of the Express Company were on the anxious watch, and among the others, Mr. HENRY SANDFORD, who is the Superintendent of the Eastern Department of the Express Company's business, having received certain information from the officers in charge of the old man TRISTAM, who had come on from Norwalk for the purpose of pointing out where certain parts of the property was concealed in this city, which enabled him to give a very shrewd surmise as to the whereabouts of certain amounts of the stolen property, at once determined on prompt action. At an early hour on Tuesday morning he went to the private residence of Justice SHANDLEY, of Essex Market Police Court, No. 167 Henry-street, accompanied by Detective ROGERS, of the Eleventh Precinct, and at once made known to the Justice, who expressed his willingness to go at once to his office and issue the requisite papers, his offer to go with the officer and personally authorize the search having been declined by them on the score of policy. The search warrant having been properly issued, Officer ROGERS and Mr. SANDFORD proceeded to the house No. 100 Division-street. Justice SHANDLEY, also, was of the party, though keeping at a judicious distance until his appearance was no longer likely to make mischief by giving a premature alarm.

According to the affidavit of Mr. SANDFORD, that part of the stolen property which they had reason to believe was concealed in this particular house consisted of $40,000 gold coin, $50,000 United States Bonds and Certificates, $150,000 National bank notes and United States Treasury notes, and $5,000 worth of gold jewelry. Total, $245,000.

The premises were occupied in part by JOHN B. BARMORE, or BARRY, as he sometimes gave his name, and the house was thoroughly searched. Concealed in various places about the premises were found $375 in gold, and $3,000 in 7-30 United States Bonds, a lot of unsigned National bank notes of the face value of $77,650, and $5,457 in National bank notes, signed, with other bills to the amount of $280, amounting in all to $86,762.

This money is stated to be the contents of the package that the old man TRISTAM brought down from Norwalk in his lap, and which he refused to have checked.

The stolen money was taken due care of, and BARMORE taken in custody by Officer ROGERS, and he was subsequently taken before Justice SHANDLEY, when he was committed for examination.

It appears that TRISTAM, or "GUS TRISTAM," as he is more familiarly known, and who has been arrested at Norwalk, Conn., on a charge of being a principal in the Express robbery, is a well-known character to the police. He is also a brother of Mrs. BARMORE, in whose husband's residence the property was found. It is stated also that "GUS" employed a cousin of his, who is described as "Old man TRISTAM," to convey a bag of money from Norwalk to his sister, who lived in Division-street. The old man performed the service and received $25 for doing so. On his return from New-York to Norwalk he was arrested, and being questioned by the officer at once confessed what he knew, and returning to the city with the officer, pointed out the house in Division-street as hereinbefore described.

The LOCKWOOD and CLARK who were arrested at Norwalk, and who are now in custody, are and have been for some time well known to the police, and their former character will not stand them in very good stead in the pending examination. The fact that on their persons were found a watch and certain other portions of the missing jewelry, which they could by no possibility have come honestly by, will go far to settle the case.

The Express authorities in this city, including the Superintendent, Mr. JOHN HOEY, are confident that they have the right men, and also that the arrest has followed so closely on the heels of the crime, that the rogues have had no time to dispose of any of the property whatever. Indeed, Mr. JOHN HOEY gives it as his opinion the money will be recovered "to the last dollar."

The subjoined article, from the New-Haven *Journal* of the 10th, will show in what manner the arrest was effected:

Yesterday afternoon, Assistant Superintendent SPOONER, of Bridgeport, accompanied by S. B. BEARDSLEY, Esq., and Sheriff BARNUM of the same place, proceeded to Norwalk and arrested two men on suspicion of being engaged in the robbery of the express safes on the Saturday night train, and found on examination after the arrest, that they had got the right fellows. The manner in which the arrest came about is as follows: On Saturday evening three men called at the hotel in Stamford and registered their names, two of them as LOCKWOOD and the other as CLARK. Their actions toward each other at first, so far as observed, was that of strangers, and no one supposed that they were acquaintances. They had been there but a short time when one of them desired to hire a conveyance to go to Norwalk, but he did not wish to have a driver accompany him, saying that he was going to take some ladies, and there would not be room. Being a stranger, the livery man would not let the fellow have the conveyance unless he sent a driver with it, notwithstanding he was offered ten dollars for it. After the failure to hire a conveyance, the fellows were then seen for the first time to hold a conversation with each other. They remained all night at Stamford, and the next morning took the train and went to Norwalk. While at Stamford their presence and appearance was such as to excite the remark from citizens that they "wouldn't a wonder if these fellows were the ones that robbed the express." On arriving in Norwalk they hired a conveyance and went upon the hill back of the village to an old shoemaker's named TRISTAM, who is an uncle of CLARK'S. Here they stopped over night and returned to the village the next day (Monday.) On Monday morning the old man TRISTAM came down with a bundle which appeared to be pretty heavy, and which he refused to have checked, and was also scrupulously careful to keep in his hands all the while on his way to New-York, where he took it. In Norwalk, also, the appearance of the three fellows was such as to excite suspicion. Their presence at Norwalk, and the suspicions connected with them, coming to the ears of Superintendent SPOONER, yesterday he went over, with the three gentlemen named above, and reconnoitered a little, and then had the two fellows arrested as related. CLARK, in the meantime, had absented himself and escaped arrest. He was formerly a substitute broker, and a nephew of TRISTAM, who had heretofore been supposed to be a perfectly upright man. On the persons of the two men was found a gold watch, some money, and a few other articles, which were in the safes at the time they were robbed, so that their identification is complete. The two men who were arrested have the appearance of being Englishmen. They were put in the lock-up at Norwalk, and will be brought over to Bridgeport this morning and put in jail for safe-keeping. The old man TRISTAM went with Mr. SPOONER yesterday afternoon to New-York to show him what he done with the bundle, and to inform him with whom he left it, so that there is a fair probability that some treasure will be recovered, and it also seems most probable that CLARK will soon be secured. The bundle which TRISTAM took to New-York, from its apparent weight, is supposed to have contained some of the gold.

No further information concerning this remarkable affair has reached us, but we hope in a few days to be able to lay before our readers some particulars as to how the robbery was effected, and where the robbers entered and left the train, with other items of interest.

We have as yet no further particulars of the progress of affairs at Norwalk, though we are assured by the officers that the clues are sufficient to lead to the positive conviction of the men already in charge, and to the tracing up of whoever else may be implicated.

In fact, it is very seldom that so extensive a case has been so thoroughly and effectively traced out in so short a time, and we are informed that the detective work has been almost exclusively done by the Express Company's own detectives.

The theory of the robbery cherished by the Express authorities in this city is, that the car was forcibly entered at Forty-seventh-street, and that the car-door was then shut and the robbers then had the safes to themselves till they reached Stamford, or near there, where they got out.

No person connected with the Express Company is suspected.

TRIAL FOR MURDER.—JOHN MATTHEWS, who was indicted for the murder of JOHN KEEVY, by shooting, was placed on trial in the Kings County Court of Oyer and Terminer yesterday. The alleged offence was committed on the 18th of September, 1865, in a grocery store, corner of Classon-avenue and Butler-street. The parties, it appears, got into a quarrel and exchanged some angry words, when MATTHEWS, seizing a gun from the counter, struck KEEVY'S body, from the effects of which he died a few hours thereafter. A number of witnesses were examined on both sides, when the court adjourned. Counsel will sum up this morning.

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

Organization for 1866—Large Attendance—Re-election of President McLean—Nominations by Mayor Hoffman—The Alleged Election Fraud in the Seventh District—Mr. Horatio P. Allen Claims the Seat—The Board will See About it—Mr. Thomas Beese Holds Over as Clerk.

At 5 o'clock last evening, THOMAS BEESE, who holds office as clerk during the pleasure of the board, having taken the chair, Commissioner HITCHMAN moved that, for the purpose of organization, Commissioner FARR be made Chairman. A communication was read from DAVID T. VALENTINE, Esq., inclosing certificates of the election of the new members of the board, and after roll-call Commissioner HITCHMAN moved that, if it were not in violation of the laws of the board, Hon. JAMES M. MCLEAN be by acclamation declared President for the year 1866; but the chair informed the gentlemen that such action would be illegal, and thereupon the board went into ballot, and Mr. MCLEAN was elected by a unanimous vote. Commissioner FARR welcomed Mr. MCLEAN to the chair for a third term, and the President returned his thanks for the honor, and then read a communication from Mayor HOFFMAN, proposing the following-named gentlemen as Commissioners of Common Schools for the year 1866:

First District, Smith Bloomfield; Second District, Henry P. West; Third District, Charles J. Chipp; Fourth District, George Kuester; Fifth District, Washington Murray; Sixth District, John E. Burrill; Seventh District, Thomas E. Landon.

These nominations having been unanimously confirmed, the board received the following

COMMUNICATION FROM MR. HORATIO P. ALLEN.
To the Honorable the Board of Education of the City of New-York:

From a sense of duty to public interests and good morals, and to my own self-respect, I feel impelled most respectfully to represent to your Honorable board that, without any request, act or agency on my part, I was duly nominated as a candidate for School Commissioner in the Seventh School District of the City of New-York, and at the last Charter Election, held on the 5th day of December last, having accepted such nomination, I was duly elected to that office by a plurality of all the votes cast therefor.

That since the said election, either by error or design, a great wrong has been committed, whereby I have been defrauded of my rights, and one of the opposing candidates, JAMES B. BRADY, Esq., has been erroneously declared elected to said office, and claims the same by virtue thereof.

That the specific charge which I make is this: That, whereas, the actual votes cast, and in due form canvassed, and publicly announced on the day of the said election, in the Seventh Election District of the Twenty-second Ward, were in truth as follows:

FOR SCHOOL COMMISSIONER.

James B. Brady.....111 | Horatio P. Allen.....210
Frederick A. Smythe...43

And yet, either by error or design, the said result has since then been so changed, as to read as follows:

James B. Brady.....211 | Horatio P. Allen.....110
Frederick A. Smythe...43

Thus taking 100 votes which had been cast for me, and adding the same to those which had been cast for the said BRADY in that Election District. By reason whereof, the Board of Canvassers of the County of New-York erroneously canvassed the votes in that Election District, as so altered or changed, and thereupon erroneously declared the entire vote in the said School District to be as follows:

James B. Brady	5186	Blank	10
Horatio P. Allen	5130	Scattering	20
Frederick A. Smythe	2598		
Brady over Allen			56

Whereas, without the error referred to, the result in truth and in fact, is as follows:

James B. Brady	5086	Blank	10
Horatio P. Allen	5230	Scattering	20
Frederick A. Smythe	2598		
Allen over Brady			144

In confirmation of the truth and justice of my claim, I beg leave to refer your Honorable Board to the affidavits of both of the canvassers, and both of the poll clerks, who officiated as such, in the said Seventh Election District, Twenty-second Ward, at such election, taken at the Headquarters of the Metropolitan Police, on the 21st day of December last, in which they all solemnly swear that there were 364 votes cast for School Commissioner, of which HORATIO P. ALLEN received 210; JAMES B. BRADY received 111; and FREDERICK A. SMYTHE 43. True copies of which are hereto annexed, and the originals are now in my possession.

I beg leave further to state that JOSEPH F. GREEN, one of the poll clerks referred to, a book-keeper and an accountant by occupation, at the time of making his said affidavit, produced his original tally, which corresponds precisely with the votes as last above stated, and also the copies of the tallies of both of said poll clerks, sent to, and now in the possession of the Board of Commissioners of the Metropolitan Police.

That said affidavits show that the return made by the said canvassers and poll clerks for School Commissioner, and signed and delivered to the Clerk of the Board of Aldermen, corresponded also precisely with said tallies. I beg leave further to state the important fact that since the said return was canvassed by the Board of Aldermen the same has been surreptitiously and feloniously abstracted from the return of the said Seventh Election District, Twenty-second Ward, and cannot be found in the possession of the Clerk of the said Board of Aldermen, who is the proper custodian thereof.

I would further state that the returns are made by filling up printed blanks, each office voted for having a separate sheet, and merely fastened together at the top, and the last sheet only being signed by the canvassers and poll clerks, so that one sheet may be abstracted, leaving the other sheets entire.

I am informed and believe, and therefore charge that the said return for School Commissioner was fraudulently altered by a change of 100 votes in the particular above mentioned, and that such alteration, by close inspection, would appear upon the face of the return itself. I respectfully submit, therefore, that its abstraction gives just grounds for believing that the charge is true.

I would further state that I am credibly informed and believe that after a careful and accurate canvass on the evening of said election of all the votes cast for School Commissioner in said Seventh Election District, the result was publicly announced by the Chairman, and that the same was in every particular precisely as stated in said affidavits, and was so posted in the room for inspection; and that it was the subject of remark by those present that the said BRADY had been beaten in his own district. And as a further evidence of the fact, I beg leave to state that I am further informed and believe that after such canvass was completed, all of the ballots for School Commissioner were returned to the box from which they had been taken and carefully locked up and preserved, and after the announcement of the previous result by the Board of County Canvassers was made the said ballots were again counted, and found to agree in every particular with the canvass as announced on the evening of election, and so remain to this day.

Permit me to cite the vote of each party on the school ticket, in the Seventh Election District, Twenty-second Ward, as canvassed by the County Canvassers:

School Commissioner—James B. Brady	211	same	
School Trustee—Michael O'Brien	110	ticket.	
School Commissioner—Fred. A. Smhpte	43	same	
School Trustee—Michael Grath	40	ticket.	
School Commissioner—Horatio P. Allen	110	same	
School Trustee—Stephen N. Simonson	220	ticket.	

I submit that upon its very face it is incredible that such a vote was cast in that district. But correct the error thus:

For School Commissioner—James B. Brady	111
For School Trustee—Michael O'Brien	100
For School Commissioner—Fred. A. Smythe	43
For School Trustee—Michael Grath	40
For School Commissioner—Horatio P. Allen	210
For School Trustee—Stephen N. Simonson	220

And the same becomes consistent and harmonizes with the vote of the respective parties for all the other candidates of that election in that district. In view of all the facts above presented, and the important duty of every good citizen to give his influence and energies to the correcting of all wrongs and abuses, and to preserving the purity of the ballot box, I present, with great confidence, my grievance to your Honorable Body for redress, and I do most respectfully insist that JAMES B. BRADY, Esq., has not been duly or lawfully elected a School Commissioner for the Seventh School District; and I do hereby solemnly protest against his filling that office, or being admitted to a seat in your board, or to any of the rights and privileges incident to such office; but, on the contrary, I do most respectfully claim and insist that I am duly and lawfully elected to such office, and am entitled in right and justice to a seat in your honorable board, and to all the rights and privileges incident thereto; and I pray your honorable board to do what of right and justice ought to be done in the premises. Very respectfully, &c.,

H. P. ALLEN.

CENTRAL DEPARTMENT OF THE METROPOLITAN POLICE, NO. 300 MULBERRY-ST.
NEW-YORK, DEC. 21, 1865.

City and County of New-York, ss.: STEPHEN P. MCCLAVE, residing at No. 234 West Forty-eighth-street, in this city, being duly sworn says:

That he was a Canvasser of election for the Seventh Election District, Twenty-second Ward, for the election held in the City of New-York, on Dec. 5, 1865. That a said election there were 364 votes cast for the office of School Commissioner.

Of which Horatio P. Allen received.....210
Of which James B. Brady received.....111
Of which Frederick A. Smythe received.....42
Total number of votes cast.....364

{U. S. Int. Rev. Stamp 5c., canceled.} Sworn to before me this 21st of December, 1865.
VINCENT CLARK, Notary Public.

CENTRAL DEPARTMENT OF THE METROPOLITAN POLICE, No. 300 MULBERRY-STREET.
NEW-YORK, DEC. 21, 1865.

City and County of New-York, ss.: EDWARD OSBORNE, residing at No. 121 West Forty-first-street, being duly sworn, says: That he was a Canvasser of election for the Seventh Election District, Twenty-second Ward, for the election held in the City of New-York, on Dec. 5, 1865. That at said election there were 364 votes cast for the office of School Commissioner.

Of which Horatio P. Allen received.....210
Of which James B. Brady received.....111
Of which Frederick A. Smythe received.....43
Total number of votes cast.....364

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VINCENT CLARK, Notary Public.

NEW-YORK, DEC. 21, 1865.

City and County of New-York, ss.: EDWARD OSBORNE, residing at No. 121 West Forty-first-street, being duly sworn, says: I was one of the Canvassers of the Seventh Election District of the Twenty-second Ward, held in said city of New-York on the 5th inst. I received from the hands of Canvasser J. GRANT COLLIER, one of the officers of said election, the following-named sealed papers, to wit: The tally-sheets of said election, and a certificate of the result of said election, which papers I delivered to the Board of Aldermen; said papers were signed, sealed and properly indorsed. I have not opened the same, and they are now sealed as I received them, to the Clerk of the Board of Aldermen.

EDWARD OSBORNE.

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M. O. HALLENBECK, Notary Public.

NEW-YORK, Dec. 21, 1865.

City and County of New-York, ss.: JOSEPH F. GREEN, residing at No. 1 Bank-street, being duly sworn says: I was one of the Poll Clerks, and officiated at the polls of the Seventh Election District, Twenty-second Ward for the Charter election, held in and for the City of New-York on the 5th inst. I kept a tally of the votes cast in said election district. I returned a copy of such tally to the Commissioners of Police. The whole number of votes cast for the office of School Commissioner was three hundred and sixty-four, of which number JAMES B. BRADY received one hundred and eleven votes. (111.) FREDERICK A. SMYTHE received forty-three votes, and HORATIO P. ALLEN received two hundred and ten votes. I filled out the blanks which were sent to the Board of Aldermen, and they agreed with the figures as above stated. I sealed them, indorsed them, and gave them to EDWARD OSBORNE, one of the canvassers of said district.

JOSEPH F. GREEN.

{U. S. Int. Rev. Stamp 5c., canceled.} Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 21st of December, 1865.
M. O. HALLENBECK, Notary Public.

NEW-YORK, Dec. 21, 1865.

City and County of New-York, ss.: MATTHEW H. RAY, residing at One Hundred and Fourth-street and Tenth-avenue, being duly sworn, says: I was one of the Poll Clerks, officiating for polls at the Seventh District of the Twenty-second Ward, for the Charter election held in and for the City of New-York on the 5th inst. I kept a tally of the votes cast at said election, and a copy of which was sent to the Commissioners of Metropolitan Police; the whole number of votes cast for the office of School Commissioner was three hundred and sixty-four, (364,) of which number JAMES B. BRADY received one hundred and eleven votes, FREDERICK A. SMYTHE received forty-three votes, and HORATIO P. ALLEN received two hundred and ten votes; I filled out the blank which had been left for the purpose, and the figures thereon corresponded with the figures above stated; it was then signed, sealed and properly indorsed; I have not seen said return since.

MARTIN H. RAY.

{U. S. Int. Rev. Stamp 5c., canceled.} Subscribed and sworn before me, this 21st of December, 1865.
M. O. HALLENBECK, Notary Public.

On Motion of Commissioner FARR, the communication was referred to a special committee, and the President nominated, and the board confirmed the nomination of the following named gentlemen as such committee: Horatio P. Allen, James W. Farr, James M. Post, James L. Miller, Richard Warren and Timothy Brennan.

After further routine business, the board adjourned.

THE NEW BOARD OF EDUCATION.

The board, as now organized, is constituted thus:

Districts.
1. Timothy Brennan, James B. Dupignac, Smith Bloomfield.
2. James